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The "Nazi" Rally That Never Happened

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On August 19th the news media created hysteria in Boston when they "reported" that a "Nazi/White Supremacist" rally would take place on the Boston Common Bandstand. This resulted in left wing terrorists causing violence in an "anti-Nazi protest". The problem is, the "Nazi" protest was a lie... and we have proof!

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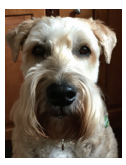

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Valley Patriots of the Month

Veterans Assisting Veterans Hold Rally In Lowell

Last month, John MacDonald and his colleagues at Veterans Assisting Veterans (VAV) held a rally at Holy Ghost Park in Lowell. The rally featured several speakers including; 680 WRKO talk show host Howie Carr, U.S. Senate candidate Geoff Diehl, Joe Ligotti "The Guy from Boston", Rick Green from Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance, J.T. Torres from New England Veterans Liberty House, former Lowell Mayor Rita Mercier, and The Valley Patriot publisher Tom Duggan.

The event was held to raise money for the VAV, a local veteran group that donates 100% of the money they raise to veterans in the Merrimack Valley

"It's a disgrace that we even need to do this for the men and women who serve our nation," MacDonald said.

"These brave men and women put on a uniform to defend our country and they should never be homeless, should never worry where their next meal is coming from, and should never be in need of basic services. Sadly, they are. So, Veterans Assisting Veterans and the people who support our efforts are here to try and fill that gap."

MacDonald told The Valley Patriot that 100% of the money raised from the rally goes to support the programs at Ironstone Farm.

"Ironstone Farm has a great program for veterans who are also first responders, so they can get help with PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) issues. We are currently in the middle of a campaign to build a new building at Ironstone to allow first responders to bring their families for a weekend to work with horses and address some of their personal issues."

MacDonald said that money raised also helps local veterans in need.

"We have veterans who are behind on their mortgage and at risk of losing their homes and the government is doing nothing to help them. This is how we end up with homeless veterans. So, part of what we do at Veterans Assisting Veterans is to identify veterans in that position and help them get current on their payments so they don't end up in the streets."

VAV made a significant donation to wounded veteran Vincent Brodour, the most severely and traumatically brain injured veteran in the country.

"He needed additional funding for rehab that wasn't covered by his insurance so, we made a donation to help ease his financial burden. But, let me repeat what a disgrace it is that our politicians ignore the needs of our veterans and that we even have to do this. We are happy to do it, but what does it say about our government leaders that we do?"

Most of the speakers at the rally took United States Senator Elizabeth Warren to task for "ignoring the needs of Veterans".

"I'm sick and tired of these elected officials that get into office who sell you a bill of goods when it comes to veterans services, and in the same breath turn around and shoot you in the back."

Torres also recounted how his State Rep. in Lawrence, Juana Mattias, failed to deliver $25,000 to his organization calling it "a disgrace to our country and a disservice to our veterans."

"I'm fed up. I think it's time for all our veterans across the state to stand up. There are 340,000 plus veterans in the State of Massachusetts. If we were ever to unite - oh my God - we would be a powerful force to be reckoned with. I run a small veteran organization and most of our veterans are senior veterans. 80% of our senior veterans go to our facility just for food. We provide 1,600 bags of food per month for senior veterans. It's heartbreaking to see this every single

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Protecting Children from Secondhand Smoke

Senator Katy Ives
MASSACHUSETTS STATE SENATE

I recently testified before the Joint Committee on Public Health to encourage the favorable report of H1170 "An Act to Protect Little Lungs," filed by Representative Paul Heroux. This bill would ban smoking in a car if a child is small enough to be in a car seat and carry a $100 fine in instances of a violation. Currently under the law, anyone under the age of eight is required to be fastened and secured by a child passenger restraint, unless they are more than 57 inches in height.

In 2006, the United States Surgeon General released a Report—The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke, concluding that secondhand smoke exposure has been linked to adverse effects in respiratory health in children, as well as ear infections, asthma and sudden infant death syndrome. Secondhand smoke contains more than 250 chemicals known to be toxic or carcinogenic. Children's brains and bodies are still developing and exposure to these toxins in a confined space is detrimental to their healthy development. It is reported that 54% of children aged 3-11 years are exposed to secondhand smoke and opening a window or turning on the air conditioner does not protect children from secondhand smoke. Another study done by the Harvard School of Public Health concluded that pollution from secondhand smoke in vehicles is higher than what is found in bars that allow smoking, and further found a significant increase in carbon monoxide, a poisonous gas. In infants, carbon monoxide causes lethargy and a loss of alertness.

Eight states, including Arkansas, California, Louisiana, Maine, Oregon, Utah and Vermont have made it illegal to smoke with minors in the car. All of the states, with the exception of Vermont, have higher age restrictions than what is being proposed in Massachusetts, with Vermont prohibiting anyone from smoking in a car with a child under 8. Oregon and California have restrictions on prohibiting smoking with anyone under age 18 in the car. All of these states have a fine associated with the offense.

The intent of the bill is not to police parents, nor is it to create a "nanny" state. It is to protect those children who would otherwise have no choice but to be exposed to these conditions, and to draw attention to how dangerous the effects of secondhand smoke are to developing babies and children in an enclosed space like a car.

These babies and children cannot walk away from the smoke and the health consequences are life-changing and sometimes deadly. There is not one study that suggests that secondhand smoke is harmless. Children do not deserve to be prisoners to the deadly results related to secondhand smoke and this straightforward piece of legislation could help to underscore that it is not okay to smoke with babies or children in the car. Let's give Little Lungs a fighting chance so kids can lead the healthy lives they deserve.

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"WEATHER 101" WITH AL!

The End of Summer

Al Kaprielian
VALLEY PATRIOT WEATHERMAN

Welcome to September and the end of meteorological summer. This August was not as hot as August 2016. Boston only reached 90 degrees or higher once in August and that was 91 degrees on August 22nd. So far this year Boston has had only twelve days when the temperature reached 90 degrees or higher. The average is 15.

Last year, Boston had twenty two days when the temperatures reached 90 degrees or higher. So yes, this summer was not as hot as last year. The reason was a broad trough that kept the Bermuda HIGH PRESHA system suppressed to the south. This broad trough caused the jet stream to track to our south. This put us on the north side of the jet stream which is the cooler side. There were some instances when the Bermuda high strengthened and expanded north giving us hot weather. As a result of this, three heat waves occurred, one in May, one in June and one in July, and none in August. A heat wave is defined as three or more consecutive days when the temperature reaches 90 degrees or higher.

The major weather feature in August was Hurricane Harvey! Harvey really intensified over the very warm ocean waters of the Gulf of Mexico. The temperature of these ocean waters were in the middle 80s and this very warm water was the fuel that made Harvey a very intense and dangerous hurricane. Hurricane Harvey made landfall at Rockport, Texas as a category four hurricane on Friday evening August 25th. Harvey produced winds around one hundred and thirty miles per hour as it made landfall. Harvey produced catastrophic damage and flooding. A new record rainfall was set by Harvey which was 51.88 inches that occurred at Cedar Bayou Texas. This was the most rainfall ever by a U.S. hurricane making landfall. The old record was 48 inches. Unlike most hurricanes which hit land and then move away with the sun coming out the next day Harvey was different. There was a lack of upper level winds to move Harvey along. As a result Harvey slowed down and just continued to wobble over Texas for days. This caused the catastrophic flooding.

The reason for the lack of upper level winds was a high pressure system over the SW U.S. along with high pressure extending from the Atlantic Ocean into the Gulf of Mexico. These high pressure systems caused no winds in the upper atmosphere to steer Harvey and move him along. Eventually, Harvey moved into Louisiana and then continued moving north. We got some of the remnant moisture, although much weaker compared to what occurred in Texas on Sunday September 3rd. Before this occurred we would get a taste of fall-like temperatures on Friday and Saturday September 1st and 2nd. Peak hurricane season runs from mid August to mid September. As a result, the tropics can still be active in the month of September.

As we begin September another disturbed area of showers and thunderstorms were moving off the African coast. This area could develop into a tropical storm then hurricane. Its name will be Irma. An ocean storm moved off the Mid-Atlantic coast and produced some wind and rain over Cape Cod & the Islands overnight August 29th into the morning of Wednesday August 30th. This ocean storm was strong enough to produce gusty winds and rough surf and dangerous rip currents for our ocean waters. However, a circulation never really formed to make it a tropical storm or hurricane which would have been named Irma.

The daylight will continue to decrease as we move through September and by the time I write next month's article, a lot of the trees will have their leaves changing color. Enjoy any warm days in September because fall is almost here!

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News Media Cover Up - The Nazi Rally in Boston Never Happened

Look hard at that photo to the right.

Go ahead, don't just scan it; really look at it. Signs that say Black Lives DO Matter. A very dark skinned man with a bull horn. A protester upset about GMOs (genetically modified food). Another protester with a sign advocating health care and jobs.

This is what the Boston news media, the national news media, and indeed the international news media reported on August 19th was a "Nazi, White supremacist rally" on Boston Common's bandstand.

Seriously.

The photo is real. We were there.

Several Valley Patriot news spotters volunteered to go to Boston and attend both the rally and the protest, so we could measure what the news media was reporting, compared to what was actually happening on the ground.

What an eye opener.

CNN, ABC, CBS, ABC, NBC, MSNBC ... they all reported - as a fact - that "protesters" in Boston were there to hold counter demonstration to the "Nazi ,White supremacist rally" on the Boston Common bandstand.

The first tip off that this was utterly false - for those who want to spot this in the future - was that the "reporters" never showed the actual Nazi rally on TV.

They never interviewed the Indian born American citizen who spoke at and organized the Free Speech rally. They never even tried to get the facts of what was being said and what was really being protested.

Instead, the corporate news media - in tandem - orchestrated a news story that wasn't true in order to incite hysteria about a "Nazi rally" that never took place.

And it worked. Violence is big business in the corporate news industry.

The only way the public can find out the truth is through independently owned local media like The Valley Patriot or WHAV radio in Haverhill.

What's more, The Valley Patriot sent photos and video of Dr. Shiva's rally to several big and small news media outlets.

Not one of them bothered to report the truth. It's just too easy to report the story that didn't happen because that story and that narrative were written long before the actual events even took place.

How did this happen? How did America get to a place where the truth doesn't matter? How did we get to a time when even the local media refuses to simply report the facts?

Even New England Cable News - more respectable than the rest for sure - went out of their way to excuse the violence against police by the left-wing terrorist group ANTIFA.

While NECN viewers in Boston were watching live helicopter footage of masked, left-wing terrorists brandishing weapons and attacking police officers - the NECN "reporter" actually said out loud "We don't know which side is responsible for attacking police".

It was like a page out of George Orwell's novel 1984 where everything is a lie, and history is rewritten while it is happening.

What the Valley Patriot saw - live on the ground in Boston - was a hoax perpetrated on the news media by a very clever man named Dr. Shiva Ayyadurai. He perpetuated this hoax to prove a point. The point is that the truth doesn't matter, and the news is no longer news.

Dr. Shiva knew that if he pulled a permit and called it a free speech rally, the left wing terrorists and their apologists in the news media would be triggered.

He knew reporters would never seek the real facts, so he went out and proved it. He knew they would whip up hysteria, and make a ton of money covering the conflict they alone created. And he proved that too.

When the rally was over - and while the so called "anti-Nazi protesters" were still attacking police and committing violence on the streets of Boston - Shiva posted the video of his "Free Speech Rally" on YouTube.

The news media purposely ignored it.

Not one Nazi flag. Not one white supremacist. Not one Hitler salute. Not even a slightly conservative political message.

The only people causing civil unrest and committing violence in Boston on August 19th were the people pretending to be against hate and violence. The news media told you - not only a different story - but the opposite of what really happened.

You can now count yourself among the very few people on this planet who know the truth about what happened in Boston.

If only it mattered.

Boxford's Municipal Solar Power Generation Facility

BOXFORD – On August 16th, the Town of Boxford, cut the ceremonial ribbon on the newly built solar array on the former landfill on Spofford Road.

Massachusetts' Senator Minority Leader Bruce E. Tarr was invited as the Town's honored guest in recognition of his critical leadership and advocacy in the Massachusetts legislature resulting in legislation to raise the net metering cap on municipal solar projects.

"The solar power facility was built on the Town's capped former landfill which was leased to private equity firm Agilitas Capital of Durham, New Hampshire. Agilitas designed, built, owns, and will operate and maintain the project at no charge to the Town, in exchange for the Town purchasing the power at a highly reduced rate. The system is expected to generate more than 1,200,000 kWh of electricity per year. The solar farm will begin delivering electricity early in the fall once the connection to the utility is completed.

"The one megawatt solar array will produce sufficient electricity credits to offset more than the electricity needs of all town buildings and both elementary schools. This will also offset up to 730 tons of CO2 emissions. The town saves money and improves the environment – a "win/win situation", stated Sustainability Committee Chair, Gregory Netland. "This has been a multi-year process, and we appreciate the efforts of the volunteer town board members and advocates."

About the Town of Boxford, MA www.town.boxford.ma.us Boxford is a rural, geographically large town with almost no commercial development and an estimated population is 8,600. The Town was incorporated in 1685. Heavily forested with many scenic hiking trails, Boxford is also home to numerous lakes, ponds, streams, wildlife, flora and fauna and has received the prestigious Tree City USA award for the 12th consecutive year.

Hey Lowell… Just Call it Like it is

John MacDonald
VALLEY PATRIOT LOWELL COLUMNIST

The delay by the MSBA, due to pending litigation (thanks to Ed Kennedy and the Lowell School Committee) to table the vote to move the LHS project to Cawley has sent us all a clear message. Mayor Kennedy, the majority of the Lowell School Committee, Senator Eileen Donoghue and a select few Pro Downtown Lowell High School supporters have demonstrated their true colors. Their fight to keep the high school in the downtown has nothing to do with anything, other than keeping it out of their own back yard.

The ethical conflict of interest on this issue is staggering. Mayor Kennedy, along with City Councilor John Leahy, Bill Samaras and Jim Millanazo all live in the Belvidere neighborhood and home to Cawley Stadium, which is supposed to be the future location of Lowell High School. Lowell School Committee Members Gendron, Martin and Hoey all live in Belvidere, as does chief manipulator State Senator Eileen Donoghue. All are hell bent on keeping the Lowell High School out of their affluent neighborhood. Ethically this affects them personally. They should all have recused themselves, but alas… why would they? They aren't concerned with appearances of ethics violations at this point. It's a war for them.

The "anti-progress" elected officials (I can't call them leaders, because leaders wouldn't jeopardize future generations of Lowell school kids) have demonstrated they will say or do anything to prevent a new high school from being built in their neighborhood. They have demonstrated that they don't care about you, your kids, the downtown businesses or Lowell's future.

This group has pretended to care about the poor and the disadvantaged. This group has proclaimed to be pro-business, while supporting the eminent domain taking of successful businesses; all as not to sacrifice the sanctity of their own neighborhood… perceived sanctity that is. They have started petitions, promised unity until they lost, spent marketing dollars on mail pieces with erroneous information (lies). They have ignored health risks at the current high school location and rejected evidence from other remodeling projects in the state that have put the health of school children at risk. Why? Again, to protect their own property and neighborhood. They proclaim to represent the entire city, yet show no interest in the rest of the city… it's all about Clark Road. Perhaps they should annex their properties? Petition the state? Have their own post office? Clarksville?

That's what's happening. That's what we have. But… what the rest of us have is the ballot box!

Citizens of Lowell you have the fate and power in your hands to eliminate backdoor politics, subversion and a clear and present danger to the progress of our wonderful city. Progress and future generations of Lowellians are at stake. Mayor Kennedy and his band of cohorts would rather take you towards a path of receivership than success. They would rather Lowell emulate cities like Holyoke, Chelsea and Springfield than risk a new high school in their own neighborhood. They would rather be a disastrous dream than a shining city on a hill. They care nothing about Lowell's reputation. Again why? Simple… pure hatred for

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Andy Vargas Put Lives at Risk For Political Gain

Valley Patriot Editorial

State Rep. Brian Dempsey of Haverhill is vacating his seat. There are three candidates seeking the Democratic Party nomination in the October 10th special election. They are: Paul Magliocchetti, Eva Montibello, and Andy Vargas.

Montibello's interview is on page 11 of this edition. Last month, The Valley Patriot interviewed Paul Magliocchetti. We asked Paul what he thought of Vargas putting lives at risk by warning everyone on Facebook of an ICE [Immigration] raid that he believed was IN PROGRESS in Haverhill at the time of his post.

Mr. Vargas issued a press release to do damage control.

"In an interview with Paul Magliocchetti in the Valley Patriot, which did not attempt to contact Councilor Vargas for comment, Councilor Andy Vargas' position on immigration was blatantly mischaracterized.

The article stated that Vargas "even posted a warning to criminals on his Facebook page" and went on to suggest that Vargas was protecting "violent criminals like rapists and wife beaters." This is utterly false and disappointing."

Andres X. Vargas added 2 new photos
— with Kat Chick and 17 others.
Feb 16 at 11:53am
Getting reports that ICE officials have already started to conduct raids in Haverhill. Please spread the word and let your families become aware of your rights. The raids have picked up non-criminal offenders. Here is my cell: 978-228-1233

No. What is utterly false and disappointing is that Vargas is lying.

He did INDEED post a warning on Facebook of an ICE raid IN PROGRESS in Haverhill, and while he flowered it with pretty political language about civil rights - the fact is - drug dealers, gun runners, wife beaters, and rapists all had access to his public warning and it could have cost the life of a cop, maybe more. His intentions are irrelevant.

Both Magliocchetti and Montibello have called Vargas' actions reckless.

They were.

No amount of political double-speak can mask that.

He stated in his press release that he believes in deporting illegal aliens who commit felonies, (hear that lefties?) yet, he considers himself an advocate for "immigrants" and tells his followers he supports sanctuary cities - a measure which specifically prevents such deportations.

So, the Eagle Tribune pressed Vargas for his official stand on sanctuary cities, but wouldn't you know it? He refused to answer the question.

What's more, while Vargas complained that we didn't call him for a quote (in someone else's interview), when it came time to interview him this month - he suddenly had nothing to say.

It's not hard to understand the twisted political language and intentional efforts to deceive by state representative candidate Andy Vargas when it comes to immigration and police. He really does think the voters of Haverhill are stupid. Looks like we'll find out on October 10th.

Nazis and Commies and Violence, OH MY - The Truth About Charlottesville

Tom Duggan
VALLEY PATRIOT PUBLISHER

I've long said that it is a stain on this country's contemporary culture that there exists even one monument to a Confederate soldier in America – or one Confederate flag flying over a government building.

The civil war may have been complicated, but one thing that is not complicated is the fact that a "rebellious" – that means traitorous – army attacked the United States. They mounted a war to break up the union and they lost. It doesn't matter what each individual was fighting for.

What matters is that they took up arms against the United States and for that, any honor bestowed to a Confederate of any kind should never have existed, much less exist in 2017.

To honor them is to glorify breaking up the United States. To display their battle flag on a government building or property is no different historically than flying a Nazi flag in Jerusalem.

REAL NAZIS AND THEIR
REAL RECRUITING TOOLS

There are real Nazis here in the U.S. and across the globe today.

The rise of this "white nationalism" and Nazi allure in our culture has been largely stoked by irresponsible politicians and their cohorts in the "news media".

They create policies that disadvantage

white people simply because they are white, based on the idea that other white people once did racist things.

That is racism. We ought to call it that. It creates hate and resentment.

Add to that the media obsession with falsely and publicly accusing people of being racists or Nazis – ruining their lives – for simply holding a different political view, or telling a joke.

It's important to draw a distinction between American conservatism - which is routinely and falsely equated with such hate - and the real Nazis who want to kill real Jews.

That kind of reckless false equivalency is dangerous and cheapens the horror that is real white supremacy.

In Charlottesville we saw the real thing.

They weren't mainstream conservative republicans who oppose increasing welfare spending. They were real white supremacists who really want to kill real Jews.

The President condemned it in the strongest terms. But, as usual, he was attacked for not using the words the media wanted him to use, not doing it on their timeline, and not doing it with their preferred political spin. They also attacked him for saying there was culpability on "many sides".

There is.

Right wing violence in the U.S. has been mostly non-existent in recent memory compared to the blatant left-wing violence we have seen on college campuses, in the streets of Ferguson and Baltimore, and many other cities - violence which was glorified by Hollywood, the media, and reckless politicians. Violence that was dismissed or excused because the media shares the political views of those committing the violence.

THE TRUTH SOMETIMES HURTS

There is a one sided media narrative where rioters are sometime called "protesters" based on the side of the debate they are on – where the police are always wrong when the suspect is black – where the riots at Berkeley were never called "left-wing violence", but one individual Donald Trump supporter punched a guy in the face and it was considered a "catastrophic sign of right wing violence"

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An Interview with East District Council Candidate Steve Saba

Methuen's East District has two elected representatives on the city council. The city council votes on local ordinances (laws), and approves spending for the police, fire, schools, and other city services. They also have to approve any tax hikes or developments in the city.

The two current city councilors representing the East District - Tom Ciulla and Ron Marsan - are not running for reelection because of term limits. City councilors can only serve three, two-year terms on the council.

There are five candidates running for the two open seats. They are; Steve Saba, Eunice Zeigler, Adam Chiocca, Dan Grayton, and Sid Harris. The top four vote-getters on September 26th will go on to the November final election where the top two vote-getters will take a seat on the city council.

Steve Saba is a 57 year old homeowner who is an independent contractor. He is self-employed, representing banks and businesses that need merchant services for more than 15 years. Before that, he owned his several businesses, was in the restaurant business, and was a USDA plant manager. He has been married for 33 years, and has three children, ages 19, 26, and 31.

We asked Mr. Saba what his priorities are.

"First off, I want an immediate capital improvement plan. A real one. I'm really concerned about the way the city spends the tax dollars we collect. Also, future infrastructure and needed repairs that are being ignored.

What concerns me is that every time we tackle a major project we are putting out fires because we have an emergency situation that wasn't planned for and addressed. With a detailed capital improvement plan, we know average lifespan on firetruck, a school roof, etc. We know what's coming up, and yes we can always adjust the capital improvement plan, but right now if we have to buy a truck we have to borrow from reserve fund."

Saba says his "second priority is to have a clear master zoning plan. My concern is the way developments are handled at the zoning level. There doesn't appear to be any kind of plan. In the 80s there was a big push for residential homes to have a minimum number of 2 acres of land. Today, it seems like they're just letting buildings go up anywhere without a plan. There's no thought given to the repercussions of continually building out and increasing the city's population until it becomes a crisis."

Saba says with all the unplanned for growth the city is going to need to hire more cops, firefighters and possibly build another school.

Saba says the current administration leaving the city with no reserves is "extremely disappointing."

"I've been touring various areas of city that most people don't see - like the DPW, and water and sewer systems. I know there are needed repairs, yet the city reduced taxes 1 ½ M this year just so they can say 'look how good we are.' It's reckless. As a tax payer, I'd be thrilled to hear the tax rate is not going up this year. But, I will tell you that by cutting back $1.5M after taking money from the reserve fund is not responsible. We need to be responsible and use that $1.5M to keep taxes level and put the money back into reserve where it belongs. We needed to use some of that money to repair infrastructure. The next council will have to deal with this. They are going to

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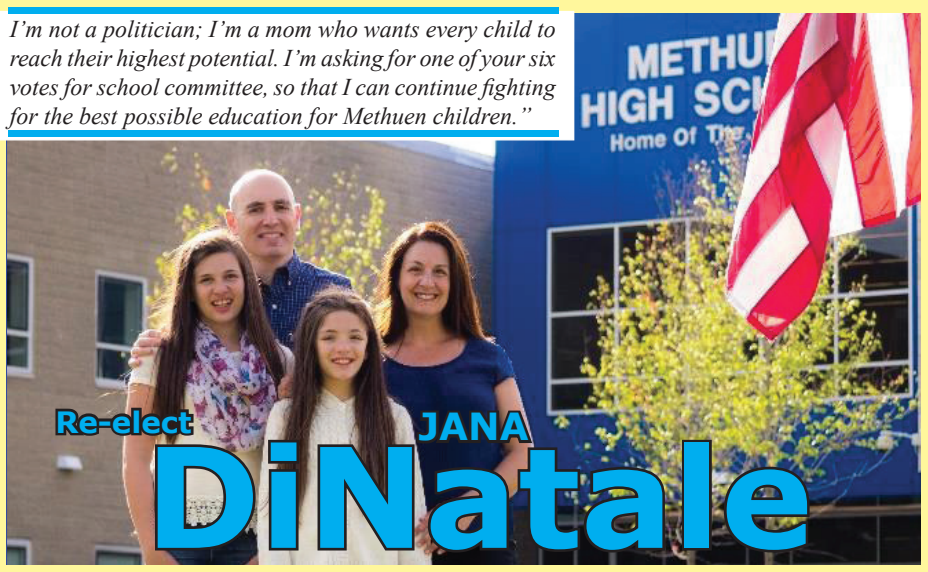

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Kathy's Lawrence Notebook

Kathy Runge
VALLEY PATRIOT COLUMNIST

The council made it from its "regularly scheduled" meeting of July 11th to its next "regularly scheduled" meeting of August 15th with only two emergency meetings in between. The July meeting ran over five hours and the August meeting was four hours long.

At the August meeting, three groups wanting to use city property needed to be taken as emergencies. The council must feel guilty as these groups have no clue when the council meets during the summer, so how can they do things in a timely fashion?

District A Councilor Myra Ortiz moved that these emergency items be taken out of order, to be heard before the groups that were on the agenda as non emergencies. The council should stop favoring emergencies and make people with emergency items wait until the end of the meetings instead of rewarding them.

Candidate for District E, Frederick Diaz, is trying to make a name for himself by claiming an item was rushed through the council in a hidden manner since some of the petitioners were "friends" of the current councilor, Dave Abdoo and the "guy upstairs".

At the August 15th council meeting, he championed a letter written by a resident asking the council to reconsider their vote of May 2nd that changed the traffic flow on Hale and Devonshire streets. The item was resubmitted to the Ordinance Committee and was discussed at their August 24th meeting, where it was decided that various departments would reexamine the matter.

A brief history of this item: After discussions with residents, a public meeting, and the distribution of leaflets, it was brought before the council as new business at the February 2nd meeting. By the April 4th meeting it hadn't been acted on by the Ordinance Committee and the rules were suspended so the item could be discharged from the committee and a public hearing could be ordered. All of these motions passed by unanimous vote.

The public hearing was finally held on May 2nd, three months after the item was submitted to the council. It was advertised in a bilingual newspaper and posted online. The vote was unanimous.

If you read my May column you will see that the Ordinance Committee had trouble getting enough members together to hold a meeting during the winter and spring. At any meeting that wasn't cancelled during March and April, the "committee" consisted of two of the four members with Council President Vasquez being an emergency third member.

Mr. Diaz claims this was a favor "done with power" by Councilor Abdoo and the not Hispanic enough Mayor Rivera, with no mention of the abysmal behavior of the Ordinance Committee, consisting of Councilors Estella Reyes, Modesto Maldonado, Nilka Alvarez-Rodriguez, and Jeovanny Rodriguez.

While claiming to be representing the

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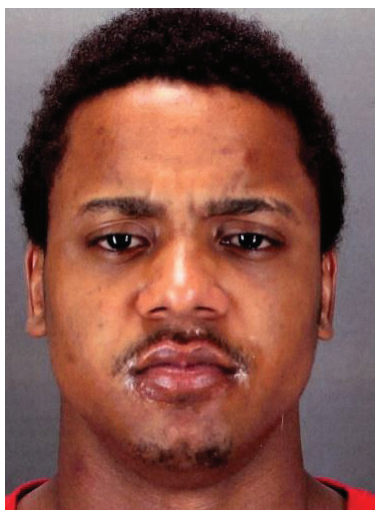
Cops on the Hunt for One Man Crime Spree

Tom Duggan
VALLEY PATRIOT PUBLISHER

Lawrence Police Chief James Fitzpatrick is hoping to get help from the public in finding known gang member and violent felon – 19 year old – Henry Rubiera-Cruz.



Cruz is wanted by Lawrence Police on home invasion, armed robbery, weapons, attempted murder, and kidnapping charges.

Cruz is also suspected in a series of shootings covered by The Valley Patriot in the last month, including successive shootings in Lawrence where one man was shot in the back on Park Street. His wound was not life threatening.

Police also believe Cruz is responsible for the shooting of three people on Brook St. on Sept. 2nd, and a series of shootings on Brook St., Union St. and a shooting on Whitman Street where he allegedly pumped 13 bullets into a car in broad daylight.

Cruz is also wanted by multiple law enforcement agencies on numerous violent charges throughout the Valley including; Middleton, Haverhill, and Salisbury on charges of attempted armed carjacking, larceny of a motor vehicle (3 counts), and breaking and entering during the night.

Cruz is considered armed and extremely dangerous and has been on a crime spree throughout the region since skipping a court date for an armed robbery case out of Essex Superior Court.

Over the course of the last month, Cruz is also suspected in at least two other armed robberies in the City of Lawrence.

He is a known member of a violent street gang but police will not release the name of the gang.

"This suspect is a dangerous felon and we have made apprehending him a top priority," Chief Fitzpatrick said.

"We are coordinating with other law enforcement agencies throughout the region to locate this suspect." Chief Fitzpatrick warns that Rubiera-Cruz should not be approached for any reason if spotted.

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2 Kilos of Fentanyl, Kilo of Heroin Seized in Lawrence Raid

Officials from the office of Homeland Security and the Massachusetts State Police conducted a joint raid in Lawrence last Thursday at the corner of Bailey and Phillips Streets. Law Enforcement officials took two into custody during the multi-jurisdictional drug operation.

Officials tell the Valley Patriot that they confiscated 2 kilos of the deadly substance fentanyl and a kilo of heroin at the location during the arrest.

Valley Patriot news spotters say the raid began in the late afternoon on Thursday, August 31st, shortly after an SUV with Florida plates pulled into the driveway and the occupants entered the house.

That's when State Police and Homeland Security surrounded the house and used a battering ram to break down the door to enter the dwelling.

A Valley Patriot reporter on the scene said the operation went on for more than four hours as law enforcement scoured the home and removed evidence, arresting two people on multiple drug warrants.

Law enforcement officials say the Department of Homeland Security would be issuing a public statement Friday afternoon but that statement never came.

The Valley Patriot will release more information when it is safe to do so.

Lawrence Voters to Choose from 8 Mayoral Candidates

On September 26th, Lawrence voters will choose between 8 candidates running for mayor. Incumbent Mayor Dan Rivera is finishing up his first two-year term. The two candidates who get the highest number of votes on Sept. 26th will face each other in the November final election. The winner will be sworn in as mayor in January. There is a two-term limit.

This election will largely be a referendum on Rivera's success and failures since being elected in 2013.

MAYOR DAN RIVERA

He came into office with a wave of goodwill and was seen by many as a savior who was going to turn around the city and undo the damage done by Willie Lantigua. In some respects, Rivera has made some amazing progress. He closed down the drug and prostitution infested "Tent City" under the Casey Bridge where homeless people have been squatting for several years. He may have been forced into it, - but he did it - and he deserves credit for it. He also deserves a tremendous amount of credit for the ingenious way he went about it.

After finding out that pretend do-gooders were bringing drugs and weapons down to tent city in boxes of food and clothing, Rivera set up a system where people can donate clothing and food, but must bring it to the mayor's office first so that other contraband is not making its way under the bridge.

He also parked a staffed, police command vehicle under the bridge so that the homeless can sleep in safety without worrying about being assaulted.

As for public safety, Rivera has treated the cops terribly and violent crime has risen. For the last three years Rivera refused to ratify police union contracts and has had officers suspended for catching criminals during high speed chases.

But, the biggest disappointment in Rivera's last three years is his refusal to turn over public documents - something he promised four years ago would never be a problem. "I'm not Willie Lantigua. If you ask for the documents we will give them to you." Rivera never made good on that promise. His excuse was that he's very busy, as if he thinks we are asking him to personally research the records. That's unacceptable. It's hard to believe that Mayor Lantigua was more transparent, but he was. Rivera fired two Lawrence police officers for corruption but never bothered to tell the public. That's not acceptable either. The public has the right to know when bad cops are fired and the reasons. Rivera seems to believe differently, and that's been a big problem that could cost him a lot of votes. All in all Rivera is favored to win, but there are 7 other candidates trying to change that.

THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM

In 2013 City Councilor Dan Rivera became mayor by defeating political titan and incumbent mayor, Willie Lantigua. After two recounts and multiple challenges Rivera only edged out Lantigua by 81 votes.

Lantigua left the city and spent most of the last four years in the mountains of Tenares, Dominican Republic. He returned recently with a new fiancé and baby in tow. He told Commonwealth Magazine that he left for the Dominican Republic to give Rivera a chance to fail or succeed on his own. He says he came back to run again because he thinks Rivera is "just not doing the job".

In the irony of ironies, Lantigua recently received the endorsements of some heavy hitters in the Lawrence Police Department. Ironic, because Lantigua laid off 30 cops and 29 firefighters almost immediately after taking office in 2010 and accused firefighters of setting fires to make him look bad. Despite his rocky relationship with the police, most officers who spoke to The Valley Patriot shared the same sentiment. One encapsulated it perfectly.

"At least with Lantigua we knew where he stood and more importantly we knew where we stood - even if we didn't like it. With Rivera it depends on how hot his coffee was this morning. I don't like the guy, but I'm voting for Lantigua."

JORGE JAIME

"I get along with Willie. I always liked Dan. But, there's not much difference between them," said mayoral candidate Dr. Jorge Jaime.

"I'm a doctor by trade. I have no enemies like those two. It's the same war every election. I am not coming in with a list of people to fire. I just want to run the city in a professional way. I think people are sick of the Rivera/Lantigua wars. It's time for new leadership without agendas."

Jaime was a DPW foreman until recently, when he declared himself a candidate for mayor. Shortly thereafter, Rivera transferred him to the position of Cemetery Director, a position that Jaime said he didn't want, even though it comes with a significant pay increase.

Mayor Rivera said that his decision to transfer Jaime was not political pointing out that giving his opponent an extra $20,000 in pay that he can use to campaign against him would be "a pretty dumb thing to do" from a political perspective.

WILLIAM GREEN

We have never seen a candidate like him and we probably never will again. Fired Lawrence police officer William Green brings campaigning for mayor

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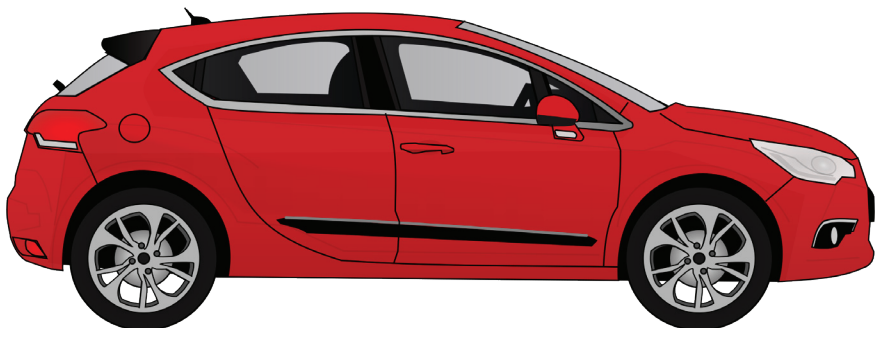

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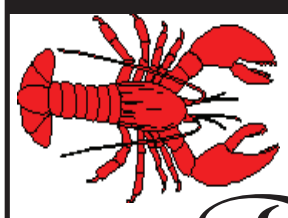

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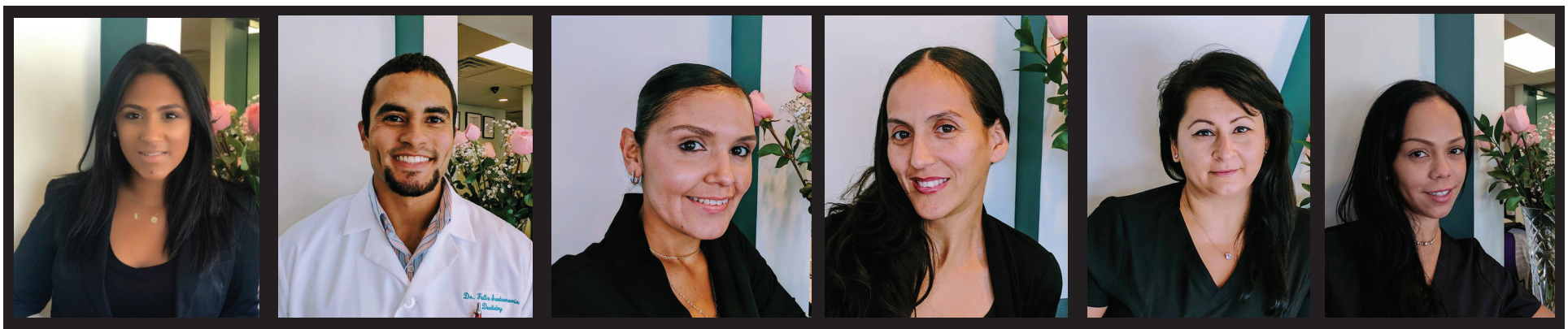

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to a whole new level. Green started his campaign run before he was fired in early 2017. As a police officer he would routinely broadcast internet videos calling the Lawrence police "corrupt" and "racist" and has lost all six lawsuits against the city. His firing is still under appeal.

He is pro marijuana, and promotes himself as a conservative republican who opposes sanctuary cities.

"I can't tell you how many times as a cop I would arrest someone or see someone arrested for a really heinous crime only to find out they are here illegally. I'm not for deporting everyone here illegally, but if you commit a crime as a guest in this country it's time to go home."

RUBEN NIEVES

Nieves is fiscally conservative and says his experience as head of the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce makes him the best candidate to bring jobs back to Lawrence. He is a long shot candidate with very little money but says his number one focus is the opioid crisis and that, he believes, will propel him with voters past the primary. He says he is running because Dan Rivera is not focusing on the real problems in Lawrence, mainly crime and small business development.

MODESTO MALDONADO

He is touted by the media as the real alternative to Rivera and Lantigua but Maldonado is and has been a clone of Lantigua's anti-white, anti-American policies since being elected. Maldonado is the former council president and worked at the Gr. Lawrence Tech School in Andover.

He supports sanctuary cities and has been a hostile force against everything Mayor Dan Rivera does. He has a strong base in the Arlington neighborhood and some of his biggest support comes from former Lantigua supporters. Maldonado being in the race hurts Lantigua and with the help of former Lantigua confidante Councilor Brian DePena - by far one of the most respected officials in Lawrence - Maldonado has a legitimate chance of winning the primary.

Maldonado is a landlord with lots of rental properties in the city.

PAUL MALLETT

Newcomer Paul Mallett is the only white candidate running for mayor.

"It doesn't seem like things are changing for the better in Lawrence. I know that the current mayor's intentions are good, but I hear a lot of talk about increasing the number of cops, but unfortunately that talk doesn't translate to results. Look at the state we are in with homicides up to 23. If anything, you would think homicide would be lower. We need to work smarter not harder. I'm running for mayor because we aren't really seeing the changes that are needed in this city. The poverty rates are extremely high. There are not enough people working. Among other things, it doesn't seem like there's any motivation to change that.

NESTOR DEJESUS

Nestor owns an insurance agency on Broadway in North Lawrence and has run for mayor and city council a number of times. He was an activist in the 90's and early 2000's but has been largely absent on the political scene in Lawrence over the last ten years. He is a family man and has a small constituency in North Lawrence. Nestor has very little money and is not expected to make the top five.

Montibello Jumps in Rep. Race - Opposes Sanctuary Cities

Haverhill resident Eva Montibello has joined Andy Vargas and Paul Magliochetti in the race for the Democratic nomination for the state representative seat being vacated by Brian Dempsey.

Montibello has a child in the public schools and works at the Homeless Empowerment Project part-time. "I also have my own marketing consultancy business and I've also held jobs in home health care and elder living and care," she told The Valley Patriot.

We asked Montibello why she is running for the open seat.

"When I saw the people who were running, it's the same people who always run. It's all the men. There's a lot of women in the north shore and Merrimack Valley who are in office making a big difference like; Diana DiZoglio, Linda Dean Campbell, and Katy Ives. I actually saw them winning over the last few years and I thought, there may be a space there for me too. Maybe what Haverhill needs is a woman to represent us."

"Truthfully, I think Brian Dempsey did a great job for Haverhill. He brought a lot of funds to the city. He was in such a great position. It's like Tom Brady retiring in his hay-day. Brian retired at his high [point] and people are always a little saddened when someone's in such a great spot doing a great job, and is appreciated for the good work he does – and then poof, he's gone. We need someone who can really stand out like he did and I think that's me."

Montibello says she believes her background in business development and sales is something she's really committed to.

CRIME AND PUBLIC SAFETY

"I'm really concerned about the crime in Haverhill - child abuse, issue of bullying, violence, all of that. I also think that making sure we have enough police officers is priority one. I'm pretty sure we are under-manned with police in a city the size of Haverhill. We are a community with access to highways and waterways. It's not a bad idea to have more police because we have so much access in and out of the city."

IMMIGRATION

"It's a very complicated topic. I have two personal perspectives about it [the immigration issue].

"My mom is from Macau China and she went through the process. For her it was very challenging. She had to get ESL [English as a second language] and they didn't have translators to help her like we have today. She did it on her own. And she did it.

On the other hand, I've worked in the food industry and we had a lot of people in the process of getting green cards. Because they didn't have the green cards, we had to let a whole group of them go based on legislation coming out. I knew a lot of these people and cared about them. They did great jobs. By talking to them about what they were going through, I learned about several challenges to the immigration system."

Montibello says that the system is far too expensive and takes too long, about 4-7 years to finish. She also highlighted the expense and red tape it takes for people to become legal citizens adding that she believes we should make it easier for people to come here legally, which would cut down on people coming here illegally.

SANCTUARY CITIES

EDITORS NOTE: Sanctuary cities are those cities that protect violent rapists, gang members and other felons from being deported if they are found to be in the country illegally.

"The law should be followed. Period. People need to get on the path to legal citizenship. So, no I don't believe in sanctuary cities and no, Haverhill shouldn't be a sanctuary city. Given what I've seen in the area of child abuse, we already have trouble convicting sex offenders and keeping them out of our neighborhoods and sanctuary cities create additional complications."

"I know not all illegals are bad – but when you look at track records and patterns of crimes and other things, you want to limit your risks. My mom did it [came here legally] and had a really hard time and it was culture shock. She was pregnant at the time, but she just got through it and she followed the law."

ON ANDY VARGAS WARNING VIOLENT FELONS OF POLICE RAIDS

We asked Montibello what she thought

of one of her opponents, Andy Vargas, warning violent felons on Facebook that federal police were conducting raids in Haverhill. Vargas denies that's what he was doing when he made his post on Facebook, – and though he deleted it – The Valley Patriot took a screen capture of the posting before he had the chance to take it down.

VARGAS

"I have such great respect for public servants in general, but especially police and firefighters. My grandfather and uncle were firefighters. So, I understand their sacrifices. I think when someone puts the

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TOM DUGGAN'S NOTEBOOK

Jen Kannan for Methuen City Council At-Large Campaign Rally will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at The Sweetheart Inn, 80 Myrtle St. in Methuen. The event will take place from 6pm - 9pm. Suggested Donation: $50

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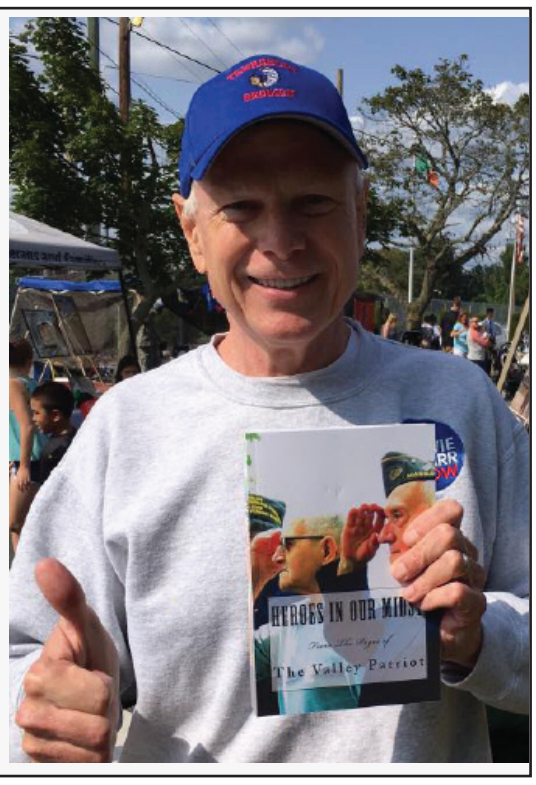

NORTH ANDOVER BOARD CONDEMNS "BIGOTRY/HATE"

Last month the North Andover Board of Selectmen took an official vote "condemning hate and bigotry" in Charlottesville. It was the dumbest and worst kind of political pandering and grandstanding I've seen since Al Perry was chairman of the school committee.

Having the board condemning hate and bigotry is no different than declaring "bad people are bad". NO DUH! Thanks for the memo. Now, I don't remember the board condemning the hate, bigotry and violence at Berkeley College last month, or the violent racist group ANTIFA when they attacked peaceful demonstrators and police officers. Weird huh?

If the North Andover board is going to be in the condemnation business they should also condemn Black Lives Matter for calling for the murder of police officers and then carrying out that goal by murdering at least ten cops, starting with NY Officers Liu and Ramos. Surely murder is worse that hate and bigotry... right?

So why do local officials engage in this kind of meaningless symbolism? It's called virtue-signaling. That's where officials who have no influence over a situation make a declaration designed to make themselves look virtuous. It's also designed to get their names in the paper on a story that gets lots of attention, even though they really didn't have anything at all to do with the initial story. But, it worked. The daily paper thought that this meaningless gesture of "condemning hate" was not only news, but front page breaking news. Yeah.. I'm not kidding on that.

In addition, partisan Democrat Town Moderator Mark DiSalvo told a daily newspaper that, as local officials "we have an obligation to condemn bigotry and hate." Actually Mark, no. No you don't. You have an obligation to moderate town meetings. That's what we elected you to do, not covertly engaging in partisan politics in a very ... very thinly veiled pretense of declaring that hate is bad. We don't need local officials making declarations that bad people are bad. We need local officials to tend to the business of providing basic services to the people in the town that they serve. SEE BLELOW.

SPEAKING OF BASIC SERVICES WHERE ARE ALL THE HOMELESS SHELTERS IN THE VALLEY?

If you live in North Andover or Methuen and you suddenly become homeless, where do you go? Is there a homeless shelter in Methuen? No. Is there a homeless shelter in North Andover? No. So, if you are a resident of either community the only place to go if tragedy strikes your family is ... LAWRENCE.

That's a travesty. Especially since both communities brag about being liberal and dedicated to helping "the less fortunate" during every election cycle.

Part of the reason Lawrence is having so many problems with homeless panhandlers, homeless drug dealers, and addicts is that the board of selectmen in North Andover and the city council in Methuen have done absolutely nothing to provide basic services to their own citizens who suddenly find themselves out in the streets.

That needs to change. There is no reason Lawrence should be shouldering the burden for the plight of citizens of other communities. Lawrence is overburdened as it is. It is time for the elected officials in Methuen and North Andover to start walking the walk and do the very unpleasant and unpopular thing called leadership. It's time cities and towns surrounding Lawrence stop exporting all of their addicts and homeless citizens, and open up a homeless shelter in their own towns. If more communities pitched in and provided these services to their own homeless population, the problems in Lawrence wouldn't be so insurmountable.

A MESSAGE FROM THE VFW COMMANDER IN HAVERHILL

We really need your help! The VFW is asking for donations to help get the Post open again and keep it up and running and sustain our organization. The VFW has been open for over 60 years.

We have funded the Santa Parade, scholarships, Red Cross and various organizations in the city.

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LAWRENCE NAMES INTERSECTION FOR DECORATED WWI VET

On September 7, 1917 - exactly 100 years ago - Frank Alekno departed the port at Hoboken, NJ with thousands of others soldiers to sail to France to fight in the American Expeditionary Force against Germany. Alekno, a Russian, was not an American citizen but was working in the Lawrence mills when he was drafted. Pvt. Alekno was killed in action and received the second highest honor given to an Army soldier for his bravery, the Distinguished Service Cross (DSC). Lawrence remembers Alekno with a square dedicated to his memory.

The event took place at the Intersection of Concord St (Isabel Melendez St.) and Franklin St.

Out of the 183 Lawrence residents killed in WW1, 33 sailed to France with Alekno on September 7th. Lawrence City Councilor Marc Laplante visited the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France last April and placed a Lawrence flag at Alekno's grave. He detected a mistake at the grave – it was missing the inscription that each decorated soldier received, in Alekno's case, the DSC. On Memorial Day, 2017, the cemetery superintendent replaced Alekno's marker with the proper inscription.

HAVERHILL - NECC HISTORY EXHIBIT

An exhibit celebrating the founding of Northern Essex Community College nearly 56 years ago, will be displayed at the Buttonwoods Museum in Haverhill from Saturday, September 2nd through Friday, September 29th.

The multimedia exhibit, titled "Northern Essex Community College: The Early Years in Haverhill" documents the founding of the college, its placement in Haverhill, and how it became a fixture in the Merrimack Valley during its first 25 years.

An opening reception with light refreshments will be held Tuesday, September 5th, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Buttonwoods Museum. The museum is located at 240 Water Street in Haverhill, MA. For more information email at info@buttonwoods.org

Essex Heritage Annual Fall Meeting

Presented by the Essex National Heritage Commission

Date: Wednesday, October 4, 2017

8 – 10AM

Location: Flint Public Library

1 South Main Street, Middleton, MA 01949

Essex Heritage will hold its Annual Fall Meeting and networking event on Wednesday, October 4th, from 8 –10AM, at the Flint Public Library. This FREE, valuable networking opportunity further connects the public to Essex Heritage's work to preserve and enhance the historic, cultural, and natural places of Essex County. The agenda includes updates on Essex Heritage programs and initiatives, an introduction to new Commissioners, and the presentation of Essex Heritage's Pioneers in Partnership Awards.

The event is free and open to the public. Reservations requested. For more information and to RSVP, please visit Essex-Heritage.org/FallMeeting or call Essex Heritage at 978-740-0444.

HAVERHILL SALUTE TO VETERANS – BROADWAY STROLL

Merrimack Valley Community Service Corps, 264 Essex St. Lawrence will be holding a recognition luncheon for RSVP and FGP volunteers this coming September 17th at the Bradford Country Club Tent Pavilion, which will include "A Broadway Stroll II" a Broadway cabaret of some pretty awesome music performed by local amazingly talented local people. We are including "A Salute to Our Veterans" segment where we will be recognizing veterans who are enrolled in our programs, with a pre-luncheon ceremony and with various songs that are appropriate during performance. We will have 2 performances 1pm and 6pm. The second performance is for the general public with no food. I am working on some donations to purchase a bunch of tickets for local Veteran's Services Departments so that this wonderful program can be available to those folks who have served. I was hoping you might do a press release for this event and promote it so we can maximize the exposure of event. If you are inclined you could be the sponsor of the event, awesome, however, your publishing a story would be plenty!

MERRIMACK VALLEY FOOD BANK MILES FOR MEALS

The Merrimack Valley Food Bank's 2nd Annual Miles for Meals 5k road race will take place Tuesday, September 19th at 6pm at LeLacheur Park in 450 Aiken St. in Lowell. All proceeds benefit the Merrimack Valley Food Bank and our feeding programs. Finish Line after party on the concourse. There will be food, drinks and lots of fun! Free parking is available at the UMass Lowell Tsongas Center and Jeanne D'Arc Credit Union Corporate Office.

LOWELL MERRIMACK REPERTORY THEATRE STAGES BOXING DRAMA "THE ROYALE"

September 13th - October 8th, The Merrimack Repertory Theatre (MRT) launches its 39th season with "The Royale," the new power-packed drama inspired by the life of Jack Johnson, the first black man to fight for the title of World Heavyweight Champion. The 2013 play by Marco Ramirez has received acclaimed productions nationwide, including the Off-Broadway run at Lincoln Center that

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landed Obie, Drama Desk, and Outer Critics Circle awards. It makes its New England premiere at MRT, helmed by the company's Director in Residence Megan Sandberg-Zakian.

The 90-minute show will be performed without an intermission. Performances are September 13th – October 8th. Press performances are at 8pm on Saturday, September 16th (Opening Night) and 2pm on Sunday, September 17th. All performances will be held at the Nancy L. Donahue Theatre located at 50 East Merrimack Street in historic downtown Lowell. Tickets range from $26 - $73 and are on sale now at www.mrt.org or by calling 978-654-4678.

More information is at www.mrt.org/Royale.

Special Events:

On Wine Down Friday (September 15th), the audience will be invited to enjoy a complimentary glass of wine in the lobby following the 8pm performance with the cast and crew, as well as with the Western Avenue Studios Artists Association members whose work is currently on exhibit in the lobby. On Thursdays September 14th and 28th, Ask the Artists Post-Show Discussions will provide an opportunity for the audience to hear directly from the actors and other artists who created the show. MRT will offer Free Child Care from licensed professionals at Acre Family Child Care at the 4pm performance on September 23rd. MRT will also offer Educator and Military Discounts of 50% off tickets to the September 23rd, 4pm performance, using the discount codes ED50 and MIL50. (Please show ID when picking up tickets.)

"The Royale" by Marco Ramirez, Directed by Megan Sandberg-Zakian

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"Silent Sky" by Lauren Gunderson, Directed by Sean Daniels

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"A Christmas Carol" Adapted by Tony Brown, Directed by Megan Sandberg-Zakian

November 29 – December 24, 2017

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"Lost Laughs: The Slapstick Tragedy of Fatty Arbuckle" by Andy Bayiates and Aaron Muñoz, Directed by Nathan Keepers

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METHUEN – PASSION FOR FASHION SHOW - Join the Nevins Family of Services for their Fifth Annual Passion for Fashion Show and fundraising event to benefit the Nevins Alzheimer's Program. This event takes place on Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 6 pm at DiBurro's in Ward Hill. Tickets are a great value at just $60 per person and this event was sold out last year - purchase your tickets early. Channel 4's Chief Investigative Reporter Cheryl Fiandaca will again emcee.

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• Super Model ($500): Includes signage at the event, half page ad in the program, plus 2 seats near the runway!

• Model Citizen ($100): this is a great option if you cannot attend but would like to participate. Your name will appear as a contributor to the event.

BILLERICA LIONS CLUB PICINIC in the Park and dedication of the Braille Storybook Trail. Kohlrausch Park - Colson Street on Sunday, September 24th from 1PM-4PM. Join the Billerica Lions Club at this wonderful event where they debut the new Braille Trail featuring the book "Owl Babies" written by Martin Waddell.

Experience the challenges of the visually impaired, listen to a Guest Speaker from the Perkins School of the Blind, and get a free eye exam!

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HOUSE PASSES HONOR OF COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

Lawrence State Representative Frank Moran co-sponsored a resolution marking National Health Center Week. The legislation recognizes the vital role that community health centers play in providing comprehensive services that are responsive to the populations they serve. In passing the resolution, Moran praised Greater Lawrence Family Health Center for the exceptional work of its medical providers and staff, high-quality medical services, and longstanding commitment to the community, local schools and non-profit organizations.

HAVERHILL, PRINTING ARTS FAIR

A great day for kids and families. Print your name with wood type in the "Alphabet Factory", see printing presses dating back to the 1880s, as well as "ancient" computers, and type on an actual typewriter at the Museum of Printing's Printing Arts Fair, September 23rd. Then see and hear the amazing Linotype, the 8th wonder of the world, and hear the soothing sounds of its matts dropping to be cast, then redistributed automatically. Set your name the way news was set for 80 years – from 600-degree molten metal. Then print it on a proof press to prove the world you are a Slug Caster.

Lithographic artist Carolyn Mustak (the Litho Queen) will be producing original prints from her hand drawn designs on a litho stone. Print a copy of one of local artists Anna Hogan's woodcuts. Letterpress and type aficionados can purchase letterpress equipment and handset type from vendors and the Museum store. Rare books sellers will be exhibiting and you can purchase reproductions of some of the museum's art.

Select Linotype font drawings from the Museum's Font Vault will be available for viewing. 80% of today's fonts originated with the Linotype font library. The museum has the most extensive collection with over 3,300 fonts of over 400,000 characters.

The Museum of Printing is located at 15 Thornton Ave.,Haverhill.

The Printing Arts Fair is free, supported in part by grants from the Haverhill, Georgetown, Merrimac, Boxford and West Newbury Cultural Councils, local agencies which are supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

More info at www.MuseumOfPrinting.org. questions answered at info@MuseumOfPrinting.org.

HAVERHILL – NEW MOON COFFEE HOUSE

The Kennedys, acclaimed duo Pete and Maura Kennedy, perform at the New Moon Coffeehouse in Haverhill on Saturday September 16th at 8pm. Jim Trick opens the evening. The coffeehouse is located in the Universalist Unitarian Church, 16 Ashland St, Haverhill MA. Admission to the show is $20; $10 for those ages 18 and under. Tickets for this show are available at the door starting around 6:30; doors open at 7:30. Tickets may be reserved prior to the show by visiting www.newmooncoffeehouse.org, or by calling 978-459-5134.

The coffeehouse has a concert on the 3rd Saturday of each month, from September through May except December. The easiest way to get to the Moon Coffeehouse is to take 495 to exit 51A (Route 125 South). Stay on Route 125 South for about 1.5 miles. At intersection of Routes 125 & 110, look left for a red brick church. Turn left onto Kenoza Ave (aka Rte 110). Then first right by UHaul trucks. And right onto Ashland St. There are 2 parking lots available behind the church, on both sides of Ashland St. The coffeehouse entrance is also there, at the back of the church.

GEORGETOWN – MERRIMACK VALLEY HOSPICE'S FUNDRAISER

Tickets are now available for Flappers, Feathers and Fedoras, the 2017 Annual Food, Wine, Beer Pairing and Silent Auction to be held on Thursday, Sept. 28th, from 5:30 – 8:30pm. at the Black Swan Country Club in Georgetown, MA. All proceeds from this event directly support Merrimack Valley Hospice and High Pointe House, serving Massachusetts, New Hampshire and the York, Maine region. Tickets are just $55 per person and can be purchased online at MerrimackValleyHospice.org or by calling 978-552-4188. All tickets must be purchased in advance.

This year's silent auction will offer over 100 packages to bid on, including unique dining experiences and exciting sporting events. A delicious selection of food along with wine and beer will be served at this "roaring twenties" themed evening of fun with live music, games of chance, and more.

This year's lead event sponsors include the Fazioli Charitable Foundation as the Premier Sponsor and Pentucket Bank as the Grand Cru Sponsor. TD Bank is the Chateau Sponsor.

HAVERHILL _RIVER RUKUS

Team Haverhill announces River Ruckus 2017, a fun-filled, free, day-long festival on Saturday, September 23rd, from noon to 8:30pm., at the Riverfront Cultural District. They will feature a Classic Car show, live bands from The River 92.5, a Kids Zone, "A Taste of Haverhill," a Beer Garden with a choice of brews, and a spectacular firework show over the Merrimack River. The complete schedule is available at www.riverruckus.com.

Traffic Accident in Lawrence Leads to Major Pot Bust

On Thursday August 10th two individuals were taken into custody following a traffic accident on route 114 in Lawrence.

At approximately 2:40PM Lawrence Police responded to a traffic accident on Route 114 in the vicinity of interstate route 495.

As a result of the on scene investigation of Officers Robert Brunner, Robert Lakin and Sgt. Ariel Montas of Lawrence Police Department and with the assistance of K9 Officer Christopher Rider of the Tyngsborough MA Police Department, a very large quantity of marijuana (weight to be determine by Mass State Police Crime Lab), other drug related paraphernalia, cash, a firearm and a taser were seized.

Both of the individuals listed below were taken into custody without incident and will be arraigned today in Lawrence District Court.

Tommy Emil Marte age 23 from Methuen was charged with: Marijuana trafficking, possession of firearm without an FID card, carrying a loaded firearm, improper storage of a firearm, unlawful possession of ammunition without an FID card, electric stun gun sale or possession.

Jayson Miguel Desoto age 19 from Lawrence (driver). Charges: Marijuana trafficking, possession of a firearm without an FID card, carrying a loaded weapon, improper storage of a firearm, unlawful possession of ammunition without an FID card, electric stun gun for sale/possession.

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Dominican born Red Sox player Hanley Ramírez visited the South Lawrence East School baseball field to throw a ball around with the kids of the Mercedes Baseball Academy last month.

The Methuen Exchange Club inducted three new members last month, they are; Anne Whelan, pastor Bill Ingraham, Brian Kingsley. The Methuen Exchange also inducted a new president Jen Jones (not pictured).

Joe Bevelacqua of the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce holds the ribbon (center) at the grand opening of "Disappearing Inc." a new tattoo removal shop at Salvatore's Riverwalk on Merrimack Street in Lawrence.

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Lawrence Mayoral candidate Jorge Jaime (left) was on hand with his campaign manager Joel Chalas (right) at the kickoff announcement for the most respected guy in Lawrence politics, Brian DePena. DePena is seeking reelection as a city councilor at-large (city wide). DePena topped the ticket two years ago and expected to do the same on Sept. 26h.

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The Opioid Crisis in Massachusetts

Mark Gray
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If spending $71M (2010) to drive addicts to their next 'fix' over a 2 year period doesn't prompt Massachusetts voters to act then, what will?

From 2012 to 2016 opiate deaths nearly tripled in this state. Opioid deaths went from 698 deaths to 1,979 in just this 4 year time frame, whereas over the prior 11 year period opiate deaths only grew at a 7% rate, (355 to 613).

The years 2013 and 2014 marks a pivotal time in this epidemic's exponential growth. Opiate pain medication went from being dispensed to 76 million people nationally in 1991 to 207 million in 2013, making the U.S. the largest global consumer of opiate drugs; nearly 100% of the world's hydrocodone and 81% of oxycodone consumed by the U.S.

From 2004 to 2008 opiate emergency department visits more than doubled. Massachusetts showed a 26% growth in 2014 with opiate overdoses, and a 500% growth in Fentyanyl. Although the Massachusetts Department of Public Health describes this as exponentially growing, they will not disclose why it's growing at an alarming rate.

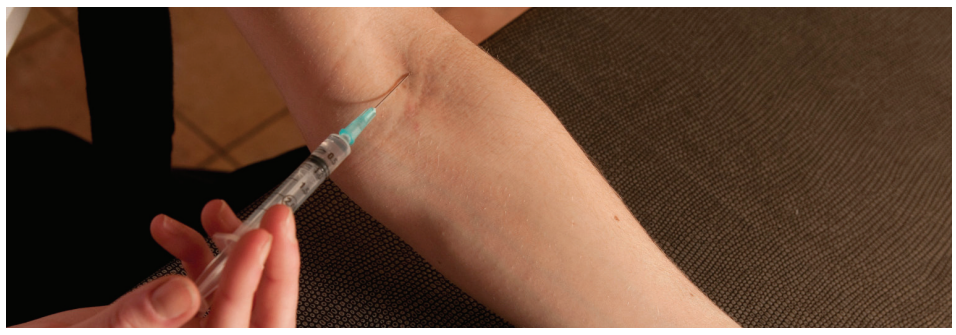
What the snap shots of data through this time frame show is that the opiate problem has been consistent and known for a long time. Information shows that the money and programs sold to the public as solutions have NOT been successful in dealing with the problem.

Starting before 2001, a direct correlation can be drawn between Medicaid, heroin, and opiates with a 5-7% increase rate until recently when 'something' jump started the exponential growth.

With more than a decade of direct correlation between government funding and opiate abuse, it shouldn't be difficult to extrapolate the cause; the ACA [Obamacare] and the flooding of funds to Medicaid. From 2012 to 2016 Massachusetts Medicaid spending increased 32.5% to $17.1 billion, not including grants. Massachusetts caseloads grew by 143,000 and $1.1 Billion with the ACA, Obamacare.

In 2014 Medicaid costs were nearly $20 billion due to the bump in funding. In 2016 it was $17.1 billion and nearly 24% of the Massachusetts budget. Despite the data, no one appears to draw the connection between funding and drug use, although many articles now are breaching this cause and effect with all the public interest.

The associated costs are areas like DCF [Dept. of Children and Families] is already littered with horrific problems. In 2016, 64 children died receiving state services. 68 died in 2015. There was also an increase in children taken from parents, 13,165 kids in 2012 increased to 15,895 in 2015.



It is estimated that 80% of new hepatitis 'C' infections are a result of intravenous injections.

Costs and resources not measured here are from efforts like the 'Clean River Project' that have cleaned up drug nests where children are. They have videos that discuss the 600,000 people who drink from the water source where needles and containers are constantly discarded causing Hazmat teams now being trained to deal with Fentanyl, cities having to clean up all the dirty needles, sleeping and shoot up sites within their borders.

Lawrence police in one month received 16 overdose calls, 47 drug violation calls, and 60 "man down" calls. Recently 14 needles were found by the South Lawrence elementary school here in Lawrence.

Health care CEO's in 2015 (top 20) made $409.84 million, an average of more than $20 million per CEO. The top ten medical lobbyists, including Blue Cross Blue Shield, spent $940.88 million, more than $94M per company.

When last I contacted Senator Warren's office, who sits on the Health and Human Services committee, she refused to respond. Not only on this issue, but any issue since she has taken office. The same goes for Senator Markey, whose staff said that Veteran Services is something they don't deal with.

As for our local politicians and state reps., I contacted all those representing the City of Lawrence, yet not one returned emails about this issue. Despite the millions and billions spent on this epidemic, along with the 46 OD deaths last year in Lawrence alone, Lawrence's own State Rep Juana Matias, Frank Moran, Dianna DiZoglio, and State Senator Barbera L'Italien did not respond.

Further, under Lawrence Mayor Dan Rivera, not only have murders gone from 1 to 7 on his watch, but overdose deaths in 2016 rose from 9 to 46.

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have their backs up against the wall with no reserve fund.

I don't ever want to see taxes increase, but before you cut $1.5M you have to replace the rainy day fund. When you tap into that fund you are borrowing the money. It also affects our bond rating. We are ok right now but, at this pace it's not looking good for the next two years. You can't eliminate your reserve fund. What's really going to hurt us is if something happens next month; like an emergency, a flood, something we aren't anticipating, and what are we going to do then?"

Should the schools get more money?

"The short answer is yes. I think they should get more money. They just cut back. You have to look at the whole budget. We fund the schools to the bare minimum allowed by the state. I agree that the schools need do a better job, but you also have to look at in perspective. It's easy to say we get $73M and lament that it's a lot of money. But, look at our average expense per student as compared to other communities and we are not over funding them at all. We have a lot of challenges in our schools and they need to be adequately funded.

Saba says that he believes the high school stadium should not be under the purview of the city but should be a school department responsibility.

Overall, Saba says that he is tired of politicians spouting talking points about transparency and then never doing anything to fight for transparency when they get elected … and reelected.

"I want more transparency, but I want real transparency. A lot of politicians use that phrase, it becomes a buzz word and people don't even pay attention to it anymore. So, let me say this. I honestly want to see the public being educated more about what their city government is doing. And I want them to know before the decisions are made, not after. There's too much going on 'behind the scenes' now and if I'm elected I am going to push very hard to make sure we are educating the voters as to the big decisions coming up - the pros and cons. Sometimes I think there is too little participation by voters because nobody is being proactive to educate them as to how our city government works."

"Look, the voters of Methuen are all grown-ups. They're all adults. They are mature enough to handle the truth. It's up to the elected officials to tell them the truth so they can make better decisions. There's nothing so bad that we can't tell the voters about it. Whether it's an upcoming expense that's not in the budget, or proposed changes, to updating the city charter. We should do it all publicly. I want honesty. I want true transparency. Not just saying the word "transparency" while people aren't being told the truth."

Asked if there was one thing he wanted our readers to come away with from the interview, Saba said the following:

"If I win and I can't make a positive change in the community, I will not run again. That's a promise. I have no interest in being a career politician. I have no ambition to run for higher office. When I fought for the stadium, I wanted to make sure we did it right. I wanted it to be something everyone could be proud of. That's how I am when it comes to the city as well. When I do something I do it 100%."

"I want to see more services for seniors. Not because it's the buzz words everyone says to get elected - that most never do anything about - but because it's the one thing government is supposed to do. Provide services for people who need them. I will measure my own success or failures by what I can accomplish for them, whether or not we can get a master plan that is actually used. I will only be one councilor, but with six new councilors coming on board, I think we can make some real positive changes for our community. If I can't do that I will step aside and let someone else give it a try."

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IN THE GROOVE with Cindy Annis

Fats Domino

Cindy Annis
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Let's take a good look at an inspiring man and Rock & Roller. Fats Domino was born down in New Orleans on February 26, 1928. His mom was Marie-Donatille Gros, and his dad was Antoine Caliste Domino. He was a popular violinist from Vacherie, Louisiana. His grandmother helped to deliver him at home like a mid-wife. That was the way things were done back then. He was the youngest of eight. His name was put on the birth certificate wrong, as Anthony. That was fixed up later.

Born into a musical family, it was no surprise that Fats would start learning music at a very young age. The family acquired an old upright piano when Antoine was about seven years old. His brother-in-law, Harrison Verret, taught him how to play and by the time he was ten, he was already drawing small crowds with his piano and singing. In 1947, the New Orleans bandleader, Billy Diamond, went by invitation, to hear Antoine play a backyard barbeque.

Billy Diamond liked the looks and the sounds coming from Antoine. Fats was asked to join Diamond's band, "The Solid Senders" and they played regularly at the Hideaway Club. Diamond nicknamed the kid "Fats" because he reminded him of Fats Waller and Fats Pichon. The nickname stuck for the rest of his life.

Also in 1947, Fats married his lifetime girlfriend Rosemary Hall. They were married for just about 60 years and they had eight children, together. Rosemary died in 2008.

In 1949, Fats sign with producer, Dave Bartholomew, of Imperial Records. Dave would also become a co-writer with Fats for many of his songs. 'The Fat Man" was his first record. He got national fame with this song, and it would go on to sell over a million copies by 1953. This was the first Rock & Roll song to do that. And it reached #2 on the Rhythm and Blues Charts.

In 1955, "Ain't It A Shame" came out of Imperial Records and it climbed the charts on the pop music circuit. The title would later be changed to "Ain't That A Shame." It was picked up by Pat Boone who did a slower softer version of it. He reached #1 on the charts where Fats reached #10. It is said that Pat reached #1 because he got more air time play than Fats because he was white. Radio and stage were still very racially segregated in the 1950s. This was also the very first song that John Lennon learned to play on the guitar.

In November of 1955, Imperial Records released Fats' first album. It was called Carry On Rockin', and it had many of Fats' unreleased songs. The album didn't fair to well, but they released it again in 1956 and called it, "Rock & Rollin' With Fats Domino". Changing the name sent the album up the charts to #17 on The Billboard Pop Album Charts.

Fats Domino had a kicking band and these guys stayed close to Fats as did his band leader, Fred Kemp. To get that rich sound of saxophones he had Herb Hardesty, and Alvin Tyler, Reggie Houston and Lee Allen. Frank Fields was on bass, and Earl Palmer, and Smokey Johnson played drums. This was Fats' musical family.

In 1956, Fats had his biggest hit of his career. He did a cover of Glenn Miller's "Blueberry Hill." The song reached #2 on the pop charts He was known all over the world by kids loving the songs on the radio, and other hit makers like Little Richard, Chuck Berry, and Buddy Holly, but because of the lack of racial equality, Fats and his band would sometimes have to drive up to two or three hours out of the way to find lodging for black-Americans. He did however, make sure everybody knew him when he appeared in a couple of movies. Shake Rattle and Roll, and The Girl Can't Help It were two films Fats enjoyed doing, very much.

The hits came coming for Fats Domino, like in 1959 there was "Whole Lotta Loving," "I'm Ready," and "I Want To Walk You Home." Fats said he would take every day events and just write them down. He would listen to people talk. Just walking down, the street and something would catch his ear and he would "write it down, or remember it good." He thought his success was all about the beat of the music.

I have to sum this up even though there is so much more to put down here. However, Fats Domino had a remarkable career that started at a very early age. He had 5 records to go Gold in 1955, and to his list he had 35 records go Top 40 on the Billboards Pop Charts. The "beat", as he put it, was all about rhythm and blues and the inclusion of heavy saxophone and piano. In the 1980s Fats said he just wasn't going to leave New Orleans anymore. He said he couldn't get a decent meal anywhere else. When he was told he was going into the Rock and Roll Hall Of Fame, he wouldn't leave. Even when he was invited to play the White House, he wouldn't budge. In 1987, he got the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award; President Clinton gave him the National Medal Of Arts in 1998. And in 2004, he was listed number 25 out of 100 Greatest Artists of All Time by Rolling Stone Magazine.

That is all the space I have for Fats Antoine Domino. I hope you enjoy reading this one as much as I enjoyed writing it. And remember: Tune into Cindy's Vinyl Vault, Sunday nights 10pm to midnight, Monday nights, 10pm to midnight, and Wednesday nights, 10pm to midnight on 980WCAP for the best music from, the 50's to the 70's, ever put on vinyl. And remember folks, "it's not how old it is, but, how great it sounds!"

TV TALK WITH BILL CUSHING

2017 Fall TV Preview: What You Should Watch

Bill Cushing
VALLEY PATRIOT TV COLUMNIST

The new TV season is upon us and just like every year there are lots of new shows. Which are worth devoting your time to? This column will hopefully help you decide the answer to that question. Here are some of the shows I think will be worth checking out.

The Good Doctor (ABC) – Bates Motel's Freddie Highmore plays Dr. Shaun Murphy, a young surgeon and autistic savant who joins the staff of a prestigious San Jose hospital. The doctor is a genius, but his obvious problems with communication could make him a liability. This series from David Shore, the creator of House, boasts an excellent cast with 3-time Emmy winner Richard Schiff joining Highmore. Premieres Monday, September 25th at 10 pm on ABC.

The Orville (FOX) – Seth MacFarlane created and stars in this sci-fi series. MacFarlane plays Capt. Ed Mercer, exploring new worlds in space, 400 years in the future aboard the Orville. An obvious homage to 'Star Trek', this comedic-drama also stars Adrianne Palicki (Friday Night Lights) and will feature a recurring role by Charlize Theron. Premieres Sunday, September 8th at 8 pm on FOX.

Ten Days In The Valley (ABC) – This series follows Jane Sadler (Kyra Sedgwick), an overworked television producer and single mother in the middle of a separation, whose life is turned upside down when her young daughter goes missing in the middle of the night. Just like her controversial police TV show, everything is a mystery, everyone has a secret, and no one can be trusted. Demi Moore was originally attached to star in the lead role before dropping out. Parenthood's Erika Christensen also stars. Premieres Sunday, October 1st at 10pm on ABC.

Alex, Inc. (ABC) - The always likeable Zach Braff returns to TV in this comedy from 'Scrubs' writer and executive producer Matt Tarses. Inspired by the podcast StartUp, this comedy stars Braff as Alex Schuman, a radio journalist, husband and father of two who quits his job to start his own company. The series also stars Michael Imperioli (The Sopranos). Premiere is expected at midseason on ABC.

Rise (NBC) – There's lots of buzz surrounding this series, which NBC is comparing to last year's breakout drama 'This Is Us'. 'Rise' comes from the producers of Parenthood, and stars Josh Radnor (How I Met Your Mother) as a high school teacher who takes over the school's lackluster drama department. Rosie Perez also stars. Premiere is expected at midseason on NBC.

S.W.A.T. (CBS) – While this may look like just another CBS procedural at first, it has a lot of great talent behind it. The series is executive produced by Shawn Ryan (The Shield, Timeless), written by Aaron Rashaan Thomas (Southland) and the pilot is directed by Justin Lin (Fast and the Furious, Star Trek Beyond) just to name a few. Shemar Moore (Criminal Minds) stars as an LAPD S.W.A.T officer who only narrowly escaped the streets himself, and is thrust into the public spotlight to lead the unit after a civilian is shot. In case you were wondering, yes it is based on the 1975 series and 2003 movie of the same name. Premieres Thursday, November 2nd at 10pm on CBS.

Wisdom of the Crowd (CBS) – Jeremy Piven (Entourage) stars as Jeffrey Tanner, a Silicon Valley titan who develops an information-sharing app, Sophe, through which he hopes the public can help ID his daughter's killer. Monica Potter (Parenthood) also stars. I'll admit, I'm a little on the fence on this one, but it has an interesting premise, and I like Jeremy Piven, so I'm giving this one a shot. Premieres Sunday, October 1st at 8pm on CBS.

Ok everyone, that's it for this month. Happy Watching!

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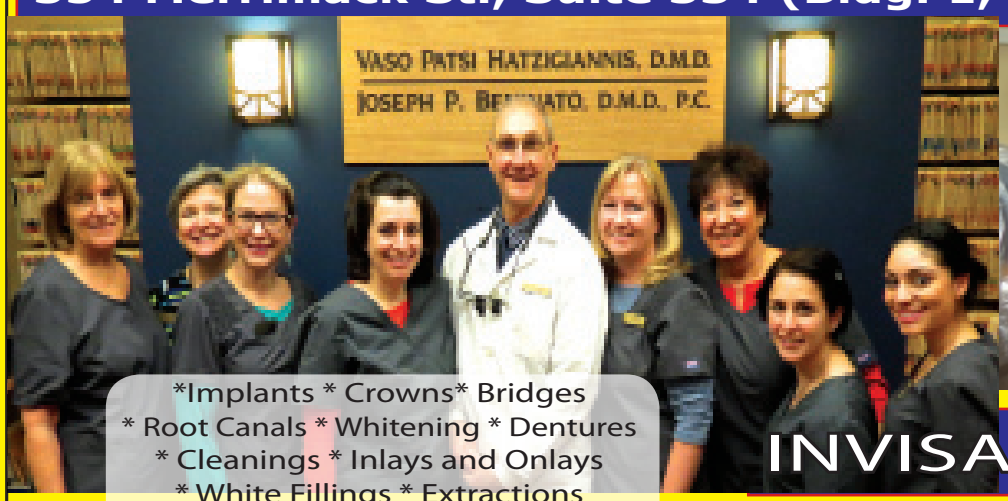

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Beneath the Surface

The Purpose of Education

Paul Murano
VALLEY PATRIOT COLUMNIST

As the nation begins another calendar year of academia it is a good time to reflect on the notion of education. It is notable that the first two words we humans speak after gargling 'mama' and 'dada' and parroting 'no', are "what?" and "why?" Notice they are questions. We are a truth seeking species. At the heart of this natural curiosity is a search for meaning and purpose. 'What' denotes meaning and 'why' purpose. Meaning and purpose. It's what sets humans apart from the other animals. No snail or grasshopper seeks to understand meaning and purpose. Only persons do.

As babies grow into children, adolescents, and young adults their natural quest for meaning and purpose grows exponentially to include not only objects in front of them, but life itself. The need to understand the meaning and purpose of life on the spiritual level is just as natural and vital as the need for food and oxygen on the physical level.

From the beginning of recorded history man has been consumed with these two questions of meaning and purpose, as is illustrated in cave paintings, religious rituals, and the great literature. Aristotle recognized all things have a meaning and purpose and called it the formal and final cause. He taught that to know a thing's essence or meaning one should look at its end or purpose. If the purpose of a particular object is to seat a human being, for example, it's safe to say that it is a chair. Its shape, size, color, and other accidentals are secondary. We could therefore surmise that in order for us to understand the meaning of life – what we are and how we ought to live – we must first understand its end or purpose. We exist in order to….? If the marathoner knows where the finish line is, he will see to it that he runs the straightest line possible toward it. If you know the end or goal of anything, including life itself, you can then map out the proper means to its fulfillment. Ignorance and lack of discipline veer us off course; but knowledge of the end always gives us hope.

Why is it that no one on their death bed ever says, "If I only worked more and saw my family less," or "If I only got more degrees or diplomas!" No one regrets not having slandered more people, nor having used enough people for their own selfish benefit, nor having committed adultery enough. Why? Why is it that when we are sober and reflective we wish we had been more honest, truthful, compassionate, chaste, humble, and grateful; prayed more and worried less? What ultimate end might this serve? What purpose of life would elicit such a typical reflection of meaning on one's death bed?

One of the saddest things that has occurred in our culture has been the devolution of education. As public education became more like an information factory, the big questions of life have been replaced with how to get a job and make money. As we mentioned above, the end or purpose dictates the means. If our end is simply to become worm food six feet in the ground and annihilated for all eternity, it makes sense that practical efficient ways to obtain creature comforts and selfish pleasures would become paramount. Adopting materialism as the philosophy of man inevitably leads to hedonism and nihilism; and academia and the media – the two mind-molding and culture-molding establishments of our day – have done just that. Seeking truth has been replaced with seeking pleasure. Being good has been replaced with being accepted. Satisfying the mind and soul has been replaced almost completely with satisfying the body. If we were mere animals this would be sufficient. Since we are not, none of it will bring happiness.

Until we recognize we are persons, not just animals, destined for great things far beyond our current earthly existence, formal education will continue to cause more harm than good. Secondary schools will continue to fill adolescents with useless information and college life will continue to function as America's free 'whore' houses. (If you are offended by that last comment, ask any classroom of college women how many of them are on the pill – and with the blessing of their parents. After teaching a class on moral theology, for example, a typical young woman, mired in today's "relationship" and "hook-up" culture, voluntarily informed me that the answer to that was 'most'.)

Ultimately the purpose of education is to satisfy the natural curiosity of the mind, to explore the big questions of life. If we believe our end is annihilation like the animals, we will think and act like

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The Nazi Roots of the American Left

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My, my, my – what a difference two decades and a president make, who is hated by the mainstream media to the point of insanity. So much so, that even the most jealously harbored taboos are now flung around like fishing nets to catch ever more voices of condemnation against the man who selflessly threw himself at the helm of our troubled country to help bridge a divide that is deeper since at the time of the Revolution.

Yes, even a renewed fight against anti-Semitism is being waged by those that quite recently had mere contempt for anyone who raised the issue. In fact, anyone alluding to the presence of this scourge was termed "paranoid" or in my case, as a daughter of Jewish Holocaust survivors, "oversensitive." It was considered outright reprehensible to call anyone an anti-Semite and an act more odious than being an anti-Semite.

I should know because it happened to me when a co-worker taunted me with her veneration for Adolf Hitler at my place of work and I – not she – got harassed out of my job for reporting it. Subsequently the ensuing case was never decided but left hanging at the highest court in the State. Dare I say: more anti-Semitism?

Maybe now, where public outcry against anti-Semitism is making headlines thanks to Donald Trump not explicitly denouncing right wing supremacists during the recent Nazi Wannabe offensive in Charlottesville, VA, I have the chance for a fair resolution.

No! the progressive media folks screamed in deafening unison, it hadn't been enough for Trump to state that there was violence on many sides! - which was factually true. There had indeed been a clash between armies of demagogues, each worshipping power and smashing anyone who stood in their way, as "Antifa" are not anti-fascists but fascists of the left – and in their Black Lives Matter incarnation, anti-white racists too.

But Trump was to explicitly condemn the right wingers. And he allowed himself to be bullied into doing it. Anyone watching CNN and hearing Erin Burnett demand that he repeat his condemnation of Neo Nazis, Trump answering: "I did so twice, do you want me to say it a third time?" and her barking back: "That would be appropriate!" had to have cringed at the sheer Nazi tone of her command. The most blatant case of the pot calling the kettle black.

But, let's take a closer look at all those morally superior progressives on the left that support destruction of Israel while denouncing anti-Semitism. Dinesh D'Souza's new book The Big Lie: Exposing the Nazi Roots of the American Left * does just that. Fascism and Nazism, he reminds us, are both phenomena of the left, representing ideologies of a centralized, all-powerful socialist state. After all, fascism's founder Mussolini had been a Marxist and lifelong socialist, and Hitler, too, was a socialist who headed the National Socialist Workers Party.

D'Souza further explains how progressives in America re-defined fascism and Nazism as phenomena of the right after World War II, once fascism and Nazism were discredited after the Holocaust. Covering up the leftist roots of fascism and Nazism to move them from the left-wing column into the right-wing. In fact, the man most responsible for the progressive redefinition of fascism was Theodor Adorno, a German Marxist intellectual and member of the Frankfurt School for Social Research that produced predominantly leftist scholars. Many of them refugees from Nazi Germany to the United States like Adorno and Herbert Marcuse.

As Marcuse and Adorno were Jewish, they were expected to know about anti-Semitism and being refugees from the Nazis, knowledge of Nazism, therefore embraced as experts on anti-fascism in the United States. Their interest, however, was a leftist political agenda that opposed free markets, private sector institutions and traditional family values in favor of a new social order that rejected "authoritarianism as self-imposed repression" as phenomenon of the right. It was a politically convenient ploy. Progressives enthusiastically joined the bandwagon and are still there denouncing Trump as a fascist and Republicans as Neo-Nazis, when in fact fascism and Nazism must be recognized

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Mass. Medical Board Escalates Retaliation Against Patients Opposed to Medicare Fraud

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Ten years ago I raised concerns about substandard reports for brain MRI scans certified by Dr Carol Hulka and her colleagues at Cambridge Hospital (run by the powerful City of Cambridge). Patients with treatable diseases were left untreated!

After an especially inaccurate report issued to a patient from Bermuda, I protested to Dr Hulka and was suspended and perp-walked out soon after. I reported this to the HHS Inspector General as patient neglect and Medicare fraud.

Since then I have been blessed with patients who have stuck by me and experienced in person the travesty that is Charlie Baker's State Medical Board. My patients recite verbatim the perjurious testimony of the board's "expert" Dr. Barry Levin, a prop who testified inaccurately about my care.

Three of my patients (two men, one woman) were named by the board as examples of my "substandard" care. They testified in person that their care had never been better. What was the board's response to their heartfelt testimony? Charlie's board stooped to ask the lone woman if she had taken her clothes off for me at a McDonald's across the street from her homeless shelter.

In May, Charlie's board decided to indefinitely suspend my medical license. I received an official transcript from their deliberations. The board demanded that I must be forced to sign a false confession and asked their internal legal expert how to achieve that end. She took pains to repeat that they had never suspended a doctor's license with such little "wrongdoing" and that she recommended an admonishment, meaning my patients would continue to receive care from their chosen doctor.

Instead, Charlie's board threatened me with an indefinite suspension unless I agreed to plead guilty and 5 years probation (the highest level of punishment, other than revoking my license). I refused to plead guilty. They suspended my license.

What is most damning about that transcript is that there is not one word about my patients and what would happen to them if these corrupt officials suspended my license.

The state board exists to protect and care about patients. Instead Charlie's board interfered with their right to receive care from a doctor of their choice in the absence of any public health justification. These were patients I provided good care to for 14 years. When my patients read that transcript they got so outraged they joined my federal petition to block the suspension.

As far as we can tell, this is the first federal case where patients and doctor are equal parties as co-plaintiffs against the state board.

Charlie's board, of course, came to court and declared that the patients had no right to choose their doctor, and that there were plenty of other doctors to choose from. The board then did something truly despicable. It colluded with staff within the Boston DEA to target the patients who testified against the board. DEA agents went to the pharmacy of one of the patient-witnesses to physically obtain his prescription and appeared in the evening at the other patient's home last week. They demanded that he turn over prescriptions written before my license was suspended. The patient told them to "screw" themselves.

The Boston DEA also sent four agents to my home to "persuade" me to "voluntarily surrender" my DEA license. One of the burly agents leaned on my sofa and threatened me with arrest. I told him he wasn't the first to threaten me.

Another DEA agent revealed the strategy at hand when he angrily shouted: "You are at the mercy of the state medical board!" They left empty-handed, of course.

What the board is trying to achieve with the help of the DEA is alter (forge) the date on these written prescriptions so it can tell the judge that I am practicing without a license. They know that they have no case otherwise.

It is utterly despicable for Charlie's board to engage in harassment against patients just because they testified against it.

Charlie Baker (this-well-loved-do-nothing-Governor who has achieved his level

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ROBIN'S KITTY CORNER

Special Kitty

Robin Desmet
VALLEY PATRIOT KITTY COLUMNIST

I was interested in fostering Chicken from the moment I saw his picture. His curious, wide-eyed look captured my attention and his story captured my heart. Chicken was found outside all by himself with no mother and no siblings. He was brought to an overwhelmed, over-crowded, kill shelter at the height of summer, otherwise known as "kitten season". He wasn't what most people would call "normal". He had been born with only 3 legs. After spending a week at the shelter he was scheduled to be euthanized. Chicken was only 4 weeks old and he had less than 24 hours left to live.

Lucky for Chicken and lucky for me, The Odd Cat Sanctuary (TOCS) in Salem, MA, decided to take a chance on Chicken. TOCS is a non- profit feline rescue organization that specializes in rescuing and adopting out what they lovingly refer to as "Odd Cats". This includes cats that typically end up on death row in high volume, high-kill shelters, and includes cats that are abused, handicapped, elderly, injured, and semi-feral. The TOCS has saved many a cat from certain death, and Chicken is no exception.

The moment I laid eyes on Chicken, I could see how special he was. He stared directly at me with big eyes full of curiosity and wide-eyed wonder. There were no signs of shyness or hesitation or fear. When I held him for the first time he immediately began to purr. Over the next 8 weeks, my fondness for him grew. He was the subject of many of my conversations and the star of my Facebook page. When my friends came to visit, I proudly showed him off. I discovered that he didn't just purr for me, he purred for everyone.

Chicken didn't know that he was handicapped. Watching him run and play with his other foster kitten friends you would never know that anything was wrong with him. He enthusiastically engaged in play and wrestling matches and loved to fetch toys and climb the cat tower. When I got home from work at night, he would come running out of nowhere to greet me. I would scoop him up and he would wiggle and purr incessantly, never failing to put a big smile on my face.

Of all of the foster kittens that I have had, Chicken was easily one of my favorites. I have always had a soft spot for cats and kittens that may be seen as undesirable to others. I gravitate to the feral, semi-feral, elderly, sick, roughed up, and not so pretty cats. If a kitten is a picture perfect ball of fluff, I know it will be easily adopted. If the kitten is a torn up, hissing, flea bag, that needs work, then I am fully invested in helping to turn that kitten's life around.

This was my first experience working with a handicapped kitten and it has opened my eyes to a whole new world of cats. While I was fostering Chicken, I got to meet Eucalyptus, a blind kitten that my friend was fostering. I believe that these blind, 3-legged or otherwise handicapped cats and kittens deserve a chance like everyone else. They may not always be pretty, but I have seen firsthand how much heart and soul these handicapped kittens can have. If you're thinking of adopting, take a look at all of the available adoptees. Like me, you may just fall in love with a 3-legged kitten.

If you are interested in adopting a kitten or cat from The Odd Cat Sanctuary, please go online to their web site and fill out an adoption application.

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animals. We will become informed beasts with little wisdom or virtue. Unfortunately, this is the belief of an overwhelming majority of educators and administrators in our academic world today.

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Peter Larocque
VALLEY PATRIOT COLUMNIST

God Bless you all in the name above all names, Jesus Christ. I read recently that some of you met with Mayor Rivera and Police Chief James Fitzpatrick concerning the increase in violence in the City of Lawrence, first allow me to congratulate you and to thank you for your involvement. This issue certainly deserves and needs all hands on deck. This open letter is by no means meant to be a letter of passing judgment on anyone or of one that is pointing fingers. The statements and solutions that were brought to the table by all at this gathering from what I read were all admirable. Here a few that I read about, 12 workshops, strengthening family values, healing child abandonment, the opening of 4 gyms to young people for night time basketball, adding 3 new outreach workers to the anti-gang unit who were once themselves into gangs and criminal activities. You recognized that most of the increase in violence is due to the opiate crisis across the region and that churches are like families and that it is up to you to get involved more and that you were called to advocate for peace and dignity.

Having said all that, now may I humbly offer a suggestion that involves those who speak from a pulpit every week? Surely you would agree that the above mentioned solutions are good in the natural sense, but now in a spiritual sense, you cannot fight a spiritual war with natural solutions. Those who have been anointed to preach must speak no other gospel than the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Gospel of Grace! No other gospel will do what needs to be done! The name that is above all names must be spoken, taught, and proclaimed very loud and clear. It is only at the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ that every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess! Philippians 2:9-11is very clear, "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

The gospel of being afraid to offend someone or being politically correct has had its way long enough in the church that truth is a cloudy gray. Our youth today only knows a God that is against them and that is not for them and that is waiting to hit them over the head every time they make a mistake. They haven't heard that they have a Heavenly Father that loves them and gave His only Son for them so that they can live a life of freedom. Jesus died so that they can live! All they know is they are held captive by this world that has no solutions for them, so to relieve their pain they self medicate. We need to tell them what Jesus said in John 16:33, "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

The truth that Jesus talked about that would set them free is the Gospel of Grace, not condemnation. The Gospel that God would write on their hearts and not on stones must be preached. We do not have a God with a Heart of Stone, but a Heart of compassion and love and forgiveness and peace! When they realize this, the need to self medicate themselves will disappear!

Before Jesus was led into the wilderness to be tested by the devil, God opened up the sky to His Son Jesus and said in Matthew 3:17, "And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Jesus heard His Father say, This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased! Jesus knew he was God's beloved! After hearing this he was able to go into the wilderness and come out victorious! This is how we fight against child abandonment! Whether they are from a one or two parent family we teach them how loved they are by God, that they too are God's Beloved! When they realize how much they are loved they will win in life!

I end this letter with the words from the Apostle Paul, Romans 5:1-9,

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope: 5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him."

Preach the Gospel.

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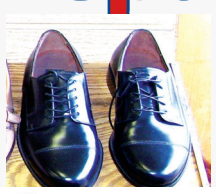

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VETERANS: FROM PAGE 1

day; veterans who are hungry. But, at election time these politicians promise us the world and never deliver."

Radio talk show host Howie Carr from 680 WRKO put the issue squarely on U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren.

"If you are a veteran and you call up Senator Elizabeth Warren's office or you email her, she's going to send you a form reply, and the form reply is basically, 'if the phone don't ring you'll know it's me!'"

"This is a serious matter here, and it's great to come to help out the veterans. I think they are trying to get everything under control at the Veterans Administration. It's been a disgrace the way it's been run for all these many years. It's going to take a long time. Talk about a swamp. It's a swamp deeper than the Mariana Trench."

Boston comedian Joe Ligotti - The Guy from Boston - who is a frequent guest on 'Your World with Neil Cavuto' on FoxNews attacked Senator Warren and told the crowd of over 300 people that there is no shame or bigotry in loving our country or our flag.

"I love this country," he said to a round of cheers. "I love this country, and I love that flag. I love all our veterans. I think America comes first. I am honored to stand behind that flag, and I say we don't stop searching for those folks - wherever they fought - until every single one of them is accounted for."

"I get called a bigot ... but, It's OK to love where you're from. It's OK to have pride. That's called patriotism not bigotry," Ligotti said to a standing ovation. "That's what the fake news want us to think, that patriotism is bigotry. They want to divide us. Because divided they can turn this country upside down and inside out."

Ligotti singled out Purple Heart and Bronze Star recipient, Vincent Brodour.

"We owe you everything, and I apologize for the way the government takes care of you. We're going to fix that. We have to take this country back."

U.S. Senate candidate Geoff Diehl said he had relatives who served in Vietnam and thanked all the Vietnam vets for their service. "We have some great veterans and sometimes they need help, and some of our officials are not doing all they can to help."

"Earlier this year, I read a newspaper article about VAV, and I was shocked to read that our U.S. Senator was ignoring their needs. So, I called. At the end of the line was John MacDonald, and all I asked was 'how can I help'? To me, helping our veterans should be job #1 for a United States Senator. Job #1 should not be hoping the president fails and continuing with the gridlock our country is in.

Job #1 shouldn't be writing two books on our dime while you are in office, when you haven't yet to deliver a thing for Massachusetts. And Job #1 shouldn't be running for reelection to the senate while she runs around the country running for president."

Diehl said that the priority shouldn't be funding and programs for illegal aliens, but requiring social security numbers for public housing so that veterans are given priority over citizens of other countries.

John MacDonald said he wanted to thank Dennis Moschella, Joe Michado, Kevin Richardson, Mike Miles, Phil Maloney, Eric LaMarsh, Bob Hornbaker, and the folks at the Owl Diner who helped organize and sponsored the event.

He added that homeless veterans and rental or mortgage assistance were the biggest needs they get requests for at the VAV. "Sometimes we are literally stopping people from being thrown out into the streets. So, yeah, sometimes I get angry when I hear veterans are not getting priorities in housing in Massachusetts. There's a gap in the state and it's unacceptable.

We can never raise enough money to help all the vets who need it. But, together we are stronger and we need to start thinking about working on both or we suffer. That's why we are where we are today. We have to start working together."

BAKER: FROM PAGE 21

of public support because of complacency and parochialism in this state and the unwillingness of the local media to critique state politicians) has little real power given the veto-proof Democratic majority in both houses. Charlie's sole power is to run executive agencies honestly. Despite this, he fails to ensure that his board acts to protect patients instead of harming them and to not persecute doctors who keep their oath to protect patients.

Charlie surely must now be putting unbearable pressure on the federal judge to throw my patients and me out on the street, just as his board did. Stay tuned!

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LEFT: FROM PAGE 20

as stemming from the political left.

It remains to be seen, how serious the progressives will really be about combating anti-Semitism and the virulent racism that has proliferated out of control with the fanning of political correctness that suppresses fundamental truths.

Subsequent to Charlottesville, Charlie Baker and Marty Walsh appeared at the State House and together declared: "We reject racism, we reject white supremacy, we reject anti-Semitism, we reject the KKK, we reject neo-Nazis, we reject hatred."

I'll know, just how serious they are about that declaration when they start respecting the equality of all their constituents, when the many mishandled cases, brought to their attention, by minority citizens, women, Jews, people of color, elderly or those too young to speak up, that were left to rot in our courts and government agencies, are finally summoned by the governor and are fairly resolved.

Until that time, that public spectacle was just pretentious posturing, another vacuous phrase uttered along with a staged photo op in preparation for the upcoming elections. Nothing else.

*Ref: Frontpage Mag August 11, 2017/ BIG LIAR, How Theodor Adorno redefined Fascism

YOUR MONEY

Is There a Right Time to Take Social Security?

Alex Talcott
VALLEY PATRIOT MONEY COLUMNIST

Social Security benefits are a cornerstone of retirement income for many Americans, though I'll respect Gen X and millennial clients who don't wish to assume it will continue to be available -- in its present or any form -- once they reach their 60s or 70s. We can run the numbers in a financial plan with or without Social Security factored in. In any event, deciding when to start collecting benefits can be a puzzle, and the solution is different for everyone. You can claim Social Security as early as age 62, or delay it until your 70th birthday; the longer you wait, the larger your monthly benefit will be, generally. Retirement, spousal, and survivor benefit situations and choices matter. There are a variety of ways you can structure your Social Security claiming strategy, based on your income needs, personal savings, and retirement goals. I am indebted to a Boston University economics professor who has guest-lectured in a course I teach for his insights and examples. Consider the following three scenarios:

Starting Social Security Early

A person who will retire at age 62 is counting on Social Security to help meet income needs once retirement begins. His monthly benefit will be $1,500, 25%below what he would have received at age 66, which is his full retirement age.

Those who claim early will receive a smaller monthly benefit. If you are retired or plan to retire early, claiming Social Security before full retirement age may make sense. Social Security can help you cover living costs and prevent you from having to draw down significant sums from your personal savings. Therefore, this form of cash flow can help sustain your savings for what could be decades in retirement. However, if you keep working after you claim and your income exceeds the earnings limit, you might sacrifice some of your current Social Security benefits until you reach full retirement age.

Claiming Benefits at Full Retirement age

A working spouse plans to claim her full retirement benefit at age 66. Claiming helps provide a cash flow cushion as she and her husband begin a slow transition into retirement. Her benefit of $2,733 per month would be 32 %higher if she waited until age 70, but she will collect a minimum of $32,796 per year in benefits beginning at age 66.

Waiting until full retirement age to claim benefits means that your monthly paycheck will be higher than if you began taking them at an earlier age. For a married couple needing an income boost, it may be wise to have the lower earning spouse (who qualifies for a lower Social Security benefit) be the one who claims benefits first. This is because if the spouse earning the higher Social Security benefit is the first to die, the surviving spouse will begin to collect that person's higher benefit. Therefore, it may make sense to have the higher-earning spouse delay claiming until he or she qualifies for the highest possible benefit.

Collecting Benefits as Late as Possible

Starting on his or her 70th birthday, a person can begin collecting the maximum benefit. Knowing this, a wife who is the highest-earning spouse waits until turning 70 to first collect Social Security, generating income of $3,224 per month. That is 32 percent higher than the $2,450 monthly benefit she qualified for at full retirement age.

If you choose to keep working, or you rely on your savings until you claim at age 70, you will qualify to receive the maximum monthly benefit. After age 70, the maximum amount does not change, so there is no reason to delay collecting beyond your 70th birthday. Waiting to claim may make sense if you plan to continue working later in life or if you have sufficient assets to satisfy your income needs once you retire without risking your long-term financial security.

Be Mindful When Making Decisions

Determining when to claim Social Security is something that is best done in the context of your overall retirement plan. Know what other sources of income are available and how those can best be utilized in conjunction with Social Security. Discussing this matter with your financial advisor can help you make suitable choices for your circumstances.

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LOWELL: FROM PAGE 4

the rest of Lowell and their sickness called selfishness.

In addition, they are working hard for a majority on both elected bodies, so they can throw out City Manager Murphy and install Eileen Donoghue or some other crony as the new city manager. Ensuring no high school in Belvidere, continued control of the city, weak economic development, more homeless and social services for your downtown. But remember, they will just drive around the downtown… straight out 133 or that clear path of Rogers Street onto 495. What downtown?

Lowell… THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A MORE IMPORTANT LOCAL ELECTION! You MUST vote.

So… it's time to pick a team. I'll share with you the most capable people on the ballot for City Council and Lowell School Committee. (Share this, cut it out, and bring it with you to the polls)

City Council – VOTE FOR

Current City Councilors – Rodney Elliott, Rita Mercier, Jim Leary, Dan Rourke and Corey Belanger.

Challengers for City Council – Matt LeLacheur, Dan Finn, Robert Gignac and Paul Ratha Yem

Lowell School Committee – VOTE FOR Current School Committee Member – Andy Descoteaux

Challengers for Lowell School Committee – Dennis Mercier, Tim Blake, Dan Shanahan and Noelle Rowe Creegan.

Here's your slate that will move Lowell past an entrenched political class and will provide Lowell with a positive future, responsible spending and positive progress. Anything less… then just drive to the City of Chelsea, Springfield or Holyoke and get a preview of what your future will become.

John MacDonald is a business man, entrepreneur, author, columnist, former radio show host and regular guest on Boston Herald Radio. MacDonald has appeared on Fox and Friends, The Howie Carr Show, The Michelle McPhee Show, and many more. MacDonald has vast experience in management consulting, with a concentration on strategic advice in Marketing, Public Relations, Economic/ Business Development and Social Media. John has a long career of success, achieving record results in the communications field and spending over 20 years managing marketing budgets, driving the bottom line in the financial services, restaurant, retail and real estate industries.

LAWRENCE: FROM PAGE 8

residents of District E, Mr. Diaz didn't indicate that he talked to anybody else on the street to hear their side of the issue. One of the residents who spoke in favor of the new traffic flow at the last Ordinance Committee meeting said she never saw him before. If Mr. Diaz wants to represent the people of District E, he should have done some research on this matter and tried to talk to other people on the affected streets to see what the original issue was.

In other news, Senate candidate Geoff Diehl will be speaking at the September 12th meeting of the Lawrence Republican City Committee. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 at the Robert Frost Room, on the 3rd floor of the Lawrence Public Library, 51 Lawrence Street. Interested Republicans and unenrolled voters are encouraged to come.

Mayoral candidate Ruben Nieves registered to vote with a home address of 296 South Broadway, which appears to be on the second floor of the Perez Funeral Home. This building only has a front and back entrance, both of which lead into the funeral home. Mail addressed to him at this address has been returned as undeliverable.

Mayoral candidate Jorge Jaime is the Tenares candidate. Articles in favor of him appear on many websites from the Dominican Republic. They don't mention any specific actions he plans to take. Anyone from Tenares who doesn't know who they're supposed to vote for isn't paying attention. In one of the articles, Mayor Rivera, who is half Dominican, is referred to as a "Puerto Rican", so we know where their priorities lie.

We'll see who the final two candidates for mayor are next month. I'm voting for William Green. Don't forget to vote in the primary on September 26th!

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BOOK REVIEW with Sue Piazza

"THE OTHER WOMAN" by Hank Phillippi Ryan

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Hardcover: 413 pages

Genre: Crime Mystery

4.5 out of 5 Bookmarkers

Website: www.hankphillippiryan.com

Good end of summer reading. Light and entertaining despite the book being a crime mystery. If you read this outside put on plenty of sunscreen because you will lose track of time! The book is hard to put down.

Political intrigue, murder, lawsuits. Yes, we've heard it all before but what makes this book different is that it was written by Boston's TV personality and investigative reporter Hank Phillippi Ryan.

A consummate pro, Hank has over twenty-seven Emmys and ten Edward R. Murrow Awards for reporting. She is a bestselling author of four mystery novels and the winner of the Agatha, Anthony, and Macavity awards.

Like any good crime story this opens with a murder. Detective Jake Brogan investigates the murders of unidentified women found near bridges. Some suspect a serial killer.

TV reporter Jane Ryland is fired from her job. Not revealing her source in a high profile case lands her and the station she works for in an expensive lawsuit. The case is lost when she refuses to reveal her source.

A nebulous relationship exists between Brogan and Ryland. It is Det. Brogan's call that helps her land another job, this one in print journalism.

The former Governor is running for a hotly contested upcoming senatorial race. Relegated to getting an interview with the noticeably absent wife, Ryland turns the piece into something no one expected. This twist drives the book.

People are not who they claim to be. The threads of mystery begin to unfold. Some of it obvious to the reader, some not.

Connections between the detective's murders and the reporter's political intrigue are intertwined and must be unraveled before the election. Time is of the essence.

The book is set against the backdrop of Boston with beautifully detailed descriptions of the city (e.g. Brookline's yellow maple trees, neon green from the Boston Garden billboards, purple beacons decorating the white-cabled Zakim Bridge).

Her descriptions are poetic. "A body by the river. This time, the Charles, down by the old dock. Her legs, black tights striped with mud, leather boots, one zipper down, splayed on the fallen leaves and slimy underbrush on the bank. Her head, chestnut hair floating like a punk Ophelia, bobbing and grotesque in the tangled weeds." Pure gold.

Coming from the newsroom, Hank Phillippi Ryan knows how to use her words judiciously. Short clipped sentences and small compact chapters make for a fast read. I read this book in a day and a half (had to sleep at night or I would've finished sooner). I would recommend this book. Well worth the time.

NAZIS: FROM PAGE 5

– where President Trump is a bought and paid for commie puppet for Vladamir Putin one day ... and a secret Nazi white-supremacist the very next day. They can't both be true.

A backlash to such widespread falsehoods should be expected for anyone who reads history. It is the news media who are stoking the flames of hatred and division on race in this country.

We saw on television with our own eyes in Charlottesville, protesters on both sides of the Confederate controversy committed violence. They were not all defending themselves. Some were hiding behind the fact that the Nazis they were protesting against are despicable human beings, and used that excuse to commit violence themselves.

Yet, only one side is being blamed.

Both of those facts are inexcusable.

The truth should always be the truth no matter the views of the people involved. Engaging in a pattern of distorting that truth only creates more hatred, violence and racism.

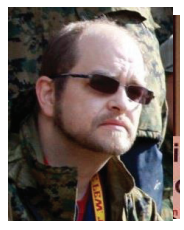
These media lies also create a culture where hate mongers can legitimately point to media lies and use them to recruit people with their own narrative of a government treating white people differently based on their race - coupled with an anti-White, anti-American media cabal – all wrapped up in a delusional white supremacist solution.

The problem is, that cabal exists and is a danger to our constitutional republic.

Just as neo-Nazis and confederate sympathizers exist.

Just as left wing fascists pretending to be against fascism surely exist.

Telling the truth about all of it is the first step to eradicating all of it.



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John & Cynthia McNamee, Erik & Lauren Sullivan, 3 Nollet Dr., $732,500.00

Paul & Linda Pengeroth, Xinyu Huang & Huihan Meng, 6 Devonshire Place, $900,000.00

Charles & Jowita Klein, Lukas & Erin Cash, 121 Hidden Road, $840,000.00

Michael & Katie Jordan, Christopher & Katelyn Derby, 20 Sherbourne St., $474,000.00

Hao & Wendy Yu Wu, Chanveasna Khath & My Hong Thi Dang, 18 River Road, $651,500.00

Ting Chang & Rei Lein Huang, Radu Ilie & Madalina Loghin, 24 Boutwell Road, $750,000.00

Dhirendra Pathak, Winfield Field & Ryan Phennicie, 76 Greenwood Road, $431,000.00

Nancy Hogan, Daniel & Emma Lockyer, 3 Harper Circle, $752,000.00

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Julianne Stoughton , Scott & Jenna Zacher, 15 Powers Road, $1,050,000.00

Christian Andersen & Robert T Andersen Trust, Cang Tran & Vy Mai, 4 Castle Heights Road, $475,000.00

Patrick Cooney , Ivars Ivanov, 21 Sugarbush Lane, $750,000.00

Daniel & Melissa Belbusti & Christopher & Patricia Maher, Ledja Ermal Malaj, 120 Lovejoy Road, $629,900.00

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Susan Caffery, Paul & Melissa Addezio, 10A-4 Colonial Dr., $112,000.00

Robert & Lori Webber, Li Sun & Qiao Liang, 9 Devonshire Place, $880,000.00

William & Victoria Coderre, Donald & Luigia Miles, 22 Railroad St. Unit 102, $261,000.00

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Leber Realty Trust & Richard & Margaret Leber, John & Courtney Davison, 78 Wild Rose Dr., $610,000.00

James & Robin Buhrer, Erick & Renee Suh, 133 Holt Road, $2,000,000.00

Brian & Lisa Mcauliffe, Jeffrey & Fawne Hill, 13 Brown St., $599,000.00

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William & Erin Warren , Matthew & Naomi Schrader, 32 Reservation Road, $665,000.00

Yvon Cormier & CA Investment Trust, Hyun Jung Yi & Sung Chan Cho, 32 Crenshaw Lane Unit 12-4, $1,250,000.00

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Christopher & Karen Payne-Taylor , Jeffrey Manzik & Jordan Cairns, 16 Summer St., $600,000.00

Terrence Mcmahon & Thanda Brassard, Matthew Dalessio & Alexandra Gieger, 67 Chestnut St., $840,000.00

Shawn & Julie Benzel, Galen Trull & Samantha Paterno, 14 Burnham Road, $472,000.00

Carl & Janet Croce, Peter & Beth Hill, 11 Bobby Jones Dr. Unit 10-2, $805,000.00

Debra Colbert, Irene Kuria, 192 Beacon St., $529,900.00

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Terrence Prout, Shawn Benzel, 20 Linwood St., $306,000.00

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Wenxi Lei, Gail Case, 2 Castle Heights Road, $479,900.00

Kathleen Deschene, Michael & Charlotte Bielecki, 51 Enmore St., $465,000.00

Shalini Reddy, Ibrahim Abuhasan, 26 Hearthstone Place, $750,000.00

Stephen & Nancy Campbell, Laura Pierce, 26 Sutherland St., $419,911.00

Kenneth Maryea, Srinadh Katragadda, 172 Haverhill St. Unit 21B, $335,000.00

Richard Leger, Catherine Russell, 2 Colonial Dr. Unit B2-11, $160,000.00

John & Patricia Burke, Kamal Numan, 27 Noel Road, $690,000.00

John & Helen Deering, Samra Khan & Syed Azhar, 6 Hemlock Road, $598,000.00

Christopher Fortune, Isaiah Moldenhauer & Shaleighne Collins, 29 Iron Gate Dr. , $459,900.00

Ruth Naylor & Naylor Family Trust, Joshua & Hannah Moore, 8 Mayflower Dr., $555,000.00

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Maryann Macdonald & Maryanne Ricciarelli, Wilson Javier, 83 Jamaica St. Unit 1, $155,000.00

Johnny Castillo, Ashley Castillo, 19 Salem St., $220,000.00

Willam Giles, Edys Leonardo & Ereny Deabad, 39 Chelmsford St., $410,000.00

Miguel Aguilo, Maria Tejada Deruiz, 77-79 Shawsheen Road, $400,000.00

Donald Nadeau, Johelly Hernandez & Carmen Perez, 36-36A Bellevue St., $365,000.00

Steven Melendez, Yvelka Gil, 15 Byron Ave., $210,000.00

Joel Ynfante, Melvin Gomez, 20 Montgomery St., $130,000.00

Alejandro & Ysabel Castillo, Jose Gonzalez, 509 Lowell St., $230,000.00

Marc Michaud, Paul Nartiff Jr., 37-39 Brookfield St., $300,000.00

Jose Frias, Miguel Aguilo, 83 Cambridge St., $200,000.00

Rita Villaman, Maria Rodriguez, 264 East Haverhill St. Unit 23, $95,000.00

Bank of New York Mellon, John Denehy, 36-38 Olive Ave., $195,000.00

Donald & Tina Pelletier & Giovanna Dalberti, Mynor Ixlaj, 69-71 Ferry St. , $379,000.00

James Ruff, Juanito Infante, 312 Water St. Unit 29, $98,900.00

Juan Gonzalez & Jennifer Reyes, Frandy Marte, 30 Hamilton St. Unit 2, $150,000.00

Steven & Nancy Phillips, Juan & Gloribel Gonzalez, 1 Colonial Dr., $295,000.00

Word of God Church , Idalia Jimenez, 20-22 Bromfield St., $3,000.00

Ramon Liranzo, Maximo Dominguez & Gisell Vasquez, 241-243 Salem St., $367,000.00

Carlos Burgos & Frances Morales , Chi Lam & Vanixon Tran, 18 Liberty Ave., $324,000.00

Aileen Domitriz, Frances & Laneicha Rios, 260 East Haverhill St. Unit 23, $107,000.00

Jerome Jozak, Cedar Real Estate, 184 Jackson St., $300,000.00

Reinaldo Jimenez & Paula Vasquez, Aris Munoz, 102 Newton St., $260,000.00

Alexander & Eggar & Maria Mejia & Blake Camacho, Miguel Rodriguez & Kilsy Lopez, 116 Chester St., $230,000.00

Glenn & Carla Irish, John Mitchell, 50 Colonial Dr., $347,000.00

Tomas Infante & Marizol Vidal, Arlenny Gutierrez, 473 Haverhill St., $600,000.00

Patriots - Gus Real Estate LLC, Karl Armano, 52 Rollins St., $347,000.00

Rey Hardt LLC, Carlos Guerra, 42 Amesbury St. , $275,000.00

Joyce Barg, Jose Luis Rojas, 979 Essex St. , $300,000.00

Kerry & Patricia Durso , 4 Durso Ave. LLC, 4 Durso Ave., $134,000.00

Rosario Armano, Eddy Diego Pena & Yenny Depena, 5 Orchard St., $325,000.00

Vy H Mai & Cang Tran, Brendan & Sarah-Ann Anderson, 20 Ridgewood Circle, $330,000.00

Norberto Lopez, Oscar Vasquez & Adelaida Kinsgley, 57-59 Chelmsford St., $370,000.00

Richard & Robyn Cotta, Sylvia Kimani, 24 Crescent St., $206,000.00

Discovery Bay Holdings LLC, Alberto & Christian Nunez, 24-26 Boxford St., $250,000.00

Reynaldo Nunez, Jonas Martinez & Ruth Garcia, 39-41 May St., $433,000.00

Z C Kobrzynska Realty Trust Walter Kobrzynski, Johanne Frias, 158-160 Jackson St., $300,000.00

Z C Kobrzynska Realty Trust Walter Kobrzynski, Johanne Frias, 172-174 Jackson St., $375,000.00

Z C Kobrzynska Realty Trust Walter Kobrzynski, Johanne Frias, 176 Jackson St., $375,000.00

Z C Kobrzynska Realty Trust Walter Kobrzynsko, Johanne Frias, 25-29 Boehm St., $450,000.00

JB Realty & Jose & Ana Estrella, Todor Ialamov & Stephen Philipov, 6-10 Border St., $495,000.00

Altagracia Hernandez, Milagros Mateo, 264A Jackson St., $150,000.00

Jose & Marta Estrada, Juan Vidal, 123-125 Brookfield St., $379,900.00

JMP Realty Trust & Juan TR Padilla, Juan Padilla, 136-138 Margin St., $120,000.00

Eileen Shepherd, Fernard Ricart, 81 Cypress Ave., $312,000.00

Correa Properties LLC, Juana Espinosa, 47 Adams St., $310,000.00

Kelly Pitta, Guy Kelley, 32 Shawmut St., $205,000.00

Juan Posada, Santiago Acosta Arenas, 40 Young Ave. Unit 2, $163,000.00

Haigel Realty Trust & Robert & Jacqueline Minasian, Thomas Kobrenski, 220 Carleton St., $360,000.00

Jeffrey Snow, Aldonsa Pereyra, 53 Coolidge St., $180,000.00

Norman & Danielle Michaud, Jessica DeJesus, 22 Ferry St. Unit 8, $172,000.00

Raiza Ortiz, Tomas & Katherine Disla, 41 Portland St., $277,500.00

Mark & Laura Mangano, Samantha Gillen, 295 Merrimack St., $247,000.00

Carlos Polanco , MP Santos Marble LLC, 80-82 Marble Ave., $465,000.00

David & Debra Zajac, Fredric & Windy Fetterly, 1 Cleveland St., $309,900.00

Goshen Mortgage Reo LLC, Correa Properties LLC, 30 Saxonia Ave., $205,000.00

Deborah Barclay, Daniel Halloran, 24 Thomas Road, $284,000.00

Joseph Neves, Nery Vasquez Orellana, 167 Andover St., $265,000.00

Charles Annan, Marlon Santana, 21 Logan St., $395,000.00

Reyna Reyes, Jose Reyes, 185 Willow St., $325,000.00

Harold & Gladys Owler, Kelvin Rojas, 372 Park St., $60,000.00

Joseph & Kathryn Clark , Richard Cannava, 18 Ridegwood Circle, $274,900.00

Jam Enterprises LLC, Lawrence SPT LLC, 100 Winthrop Ave., $1,100,000.00

Miguel Asencio & Albanery Lopez, Wascar Mieses, 18 Market St., $410,000.00

Robert Nunez, Juan Diaz Vargas, 9-11 Wendell St., $253,000.00

Ithaca Finance LLC, JCI Realty LLC, 218-220 Broadway, $125,000.00

Matthew Strong, Hilda & Cynthia Elmore & Lanny Busey , 90 Beacon St. Unit 3, $78,000.00

Napoleon Merlin & Raphael Dolce, Danny Azzi, 23 Chardon St., $115,000.00

Brad Fournier , Nuris Deabad, 102A Cambridge St., $230,000.00

Joseph Petralia & Mark Bishop, Victor Melenciano, 25 Olive Ave., $242,000.00

Nabil Shehata, Wildy Moya, 20 Knox St.

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Unit 13, $119,000.00

Alan Langer , Jorge Mejia, 17-19 Clarke St., $325,000.00

Ronald & Jeffrey Donovan, Yakira Alusma, 15 Custer St., $344,900.00

Chris Mangroo, Rosaurys Caraballo, 2 Hobson St., $199,900.00

Dauphine Kimani & Selina Kimani & Lance Thigpen, Jose Alcantara & Santa Hernandez, 37-39 Katherine St., $270,000.00

Aloida Valverde, Allen LLC, 2 Fern St., $153,296.00

Pedro Jaquez, Francisco Taveras, 17 Camden St., $220,000.00

Nickolas Thompson, Arismendy Alvarez, 434 Hampshire St., $170,000.00

Omer & Mesut Kara, Erol Yildirim, 480 Haverhill St., $10,000.00

Timothy Baker, Jacklyn Pichardo, 41 Beaconsfield St., $256,900.00

Nelida & Nailda Rivera, Raul Bano, 51 Coolidge St., $410,000.00

Pauline Raymond & Raymond Realty Trust, Juan Morel, 45-47 Irene St., $349,900.00

David & Kerry Broadhurst, Joseph Babatunde, 92 Beacon St. Unit 4, $92,000.00

Luis & Mariela Dominguez, Servio Madera & Juana De Madera, 80 Eutaw St., $250,000.00

Candelaria Ortiz, Francisco Santiago, 2 Montgomery St., $430,000.00

Sandra Windt, Luis & Maria Sousa, 502-504 Riverside Dr., $391,000.00

120 Broadway Business Center LLC, DK Investments LLC, 120 Broadway, $1,600,000.00

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Suhair & Amjad Kanaan, Ufredo & Ada Vargas, 199 Jackson St., $390,000.00

Suhair & Amjad Kanaan, Marjorie Rizzo, 199 Jackson St.,

Loretta M. Mistal Family Trust, Brian & Jenna Kelly, 77 Cox Lane, $420,000.00

Juanito Infante, Miguel & Dora Martinez, 103 1/2 Broadway, $199,000.00

Toll MA IV LLC, Paul & Theresa Emond, 16 Sequoia Dr. Unit 46, $719,500.00

Douglas Lowney, Daniel & Sara Murtagh, 90 Pond St., $325,000.00

Michael & Nancy Brooking, Stephanie Jones, 20 Milk St., $227,500.00

John & Janet Bedard, Omar Zaki Raza, 45 Washington St. Unit S-92, $249,900.00

Thomas & Nina Charpentier, Kevin & Elizabeth Carvalho, 2 Rock Hill Place, $526,000.00

John & Dorothy Piman, Laurie Oteri, 25 Heather Dr. Unit 32, $318,000.00

Jose Melo & Maria Salgueiro, Teofilio Morales, 39 Campus Road, $295,000.00

Roger & Paula Berthold & BF Realty Trust, Francisco Rojas, 189-191 Phillips St., $340,000.00

Bank of New York Melon TR, Natalie Garcia, 191-193 Tenney St., $248,000.00

Ramiro Lopez & Beatro Lopez Valdez, James & Ginette Osirus, 44 Chelmsford St., $318,500.00

Roy Moesta, Thomas Zengeya, 2 College Lane , $385,000.00

Dany Jeha, Thiago Dasilva, 10 Pandy Lane, $414,000.00

Joseph & Elizabeth Regan, Katie Pierce, 8 Summer St., $317,000.00

Long Term Rentals LLC, Isabel Nunez & Abraham Daniells, 38-40 Haverhill St., $450,000.00

Ana Alvarenga & Ana Pena, Bedlet Victor, 30 Bates St., $312,000.00

Peluso Painting & Restoration LLC & Paul Gavriluk, Peluso Painting & Restoration LLC, 506 Howe St., $282,500.00

Antonio & Maria Pereira, Eunice & Julieys Leger, 203 Howe St., $380,000.00

North Shore Real Estate Solutions LLC, Thomas Casey, 32 Shirley Ave., $409,900.00

Mourad Phares & Yvonne Sarrouf, Brian & Kelly Collins, 8 Morgan Dr., $570,000.00

Caron Family Trust & Daniel Riccio, Benony & Clovencia St. Victor & Marie Cuvilly, 36 Palermo St., $390,000.00

Jason Webster, Matthew Faretra & Jennifer Loiselle, 32 Orchard St., $251,100.00

Joseph & Jody Daniels, Leigh Dellechiaie, 9 Argilla Road, $450,000.00

Kojak Realty Trust & Charlene Fleming, Effie Stavrou Revocable Trust & Effie Stavrou, 1 Riverview Boulevard Unit 1-108, $220,000.00

Larry & Doris Mohs, Joshua Hudson & Christina Mainiero, 205A Edgewood Ave. Unit 1, $260,000.00

Kathaleen Lavoie, Geoffrey & Alison George, 695 Forest St., $308,000.00

Sorrento Trust & John Cavaretta, Anthony Amato, 4 Sorrento Ave., $380,000.00

Insoon Shin, William & Sungah Silver, 16 Arrowwood St., $500,000.00

Christopher Porter, Daniel Turini & Margarete Corelli, 32 Comet Road, $384,241.00

A&D Investments LLC, Paulo Paiva, 17 Woodland St., $307,000.00

Donna Das, James Kater, 14 Ayer St., $299,000.00

Thomas Cleary, Mia Investment Properties LLC, 40 Pleasant St. , $175,000.00

Jesus & Ysaura Villarreal, Juan & Gamaliel Echevarria, 6 Bartlett Road, $282,500.00

William & Judith Tighe, James Sarcione & Geomaris Maldonado, 21 Rivers Edge Place, $365,000.00

Ross Faucher, Jessica Foley, 15 Cochrane Center, $390,000.00

11 Dale St. Realty Trust & Rita Ducheneau & Shirley Cartwright & Jeanne Ducheneau, Jeff Noyes, 11 Dale St., $249,000.00

William & Frances Magro, Dana & Rebecca Butterworth, 16 Jefferson Road, $280,000.00

Ruth Canney, Matthew Monteiro & Alyssa Ford, 112 Temple Dr., $379,900.00

Laurie Oteri, William & Frances Magro, 9 Heather Dr. Unit 5, $310,000.00

Keith Bininger, Alexander & Jennifer Crowell, 41 Brookdale Ave., $349,900.00

Maple Park Reserve LLC , Scott & Joanne Harkins, 6 Mariah Dr., $579,000.00

Joseph Rynne, Altemir & Maria Oliveira, 43 Newport St., $401,000.00

Jaime Pizzarella, Christian & Marie Saliba, 14 Fenwick Circle, $440,000.00

Richard J. & Ruth Ann Hassett Trust & Richard & Ruth Hassett, Joseph & Christine Rynne, 33 Arrowwood St., $571,000.00

Joseph & Barbie Yunes, Charles & Francisca Quarm, 14 Howe Terrace, $295,000.00

William & Sandra Goutier, SDSE East Broadway LLC, 32 Mystic St., $325,000.00

Michael Mactaggart & Alison Woodland, Sreelatha Nair, 23 Hampshire Road Unit 212, $225,000.00

Kenneth Geyer, Joaquim & Maria Farla, 20 Francella Road, $350,000.00

Dennis & Margaret Thibault, MJC Development Corporation, 41 Tyler St. Lot C, $230,000.00

Jessica & Jennifer Randall, Narcisse Siewe & Mistherine Tchangone, 15 Locust Road, $363,000.00

Crisanto Guadiz & Rand Sutton, Mohamed Bazarto, 27 Bartlett Road, $502,000.00

Toll MA IV LLC, Paul & Linda Sickorez, 20 Sequoia Dr. Unit 48, $648,210.00

James Digloria & Richard & Toniann Kallelis, Chally Ramos & Luz Rivera, 35 Jeffrey St., $420,000.00

Kathleen Sharpe, Mina Meawad, 36 Alexander Circle, $340,000.00

Krystin Miller & Krystin Shamberger, Yoly Depena & Ramon Pena & Pablo Zabala, 9 Clinton St., $395,000.00

Judith Freedman, Donna Das, 1 Riverview Boulevard Unit 2-211, $227,500.00

Debra Campagna, Juan Contreras, 7-9 Grassmere Ave., $435,000.00

Charliene Casey, Michael Perez, 24A Ashford St. Unit 24A, $135,000.00

Thomas & Sharon Kendrew, Kevin Gillespie, 6 Varnial St., $620,000.00

Richard & Suzanne Mosher, Joanne Reise, 22 Druid Hill Ave. Unit 22, $299,900.00

Toll MA IV LLC, William & Marlene Beyer, 10 Sequoia Dr. Unit 43, $603,001.00

Anthony & Paula Corey, Kissinger Jean-Poix, 34 Calumet Road, $337,900.00

Michael Mikhael, Marcelino Villaronga & Maria Bernier, 91 East St., $295,000.00

Alan & Margaret Fielding, Pradeep Cherukat & Jayanthi Nair, 44 Archobald Ave., $528,000.00

Eaglewood Development LLC, KT Construction LLC, 500 - 506 Hampshire Road & 508 Hampshire Road, $495,000.00

Bridget Grella, Jacqueline Oleaga, 21 Quincy St., $427,000.00

Margaret Welch, Rafael & Maria Pepin, 14 Redgate Dr., $337,000.00

Noah & Colleen Manley & Colleeen Bettencourt, Daniel Brennan, 650 Prospect St., $310,000.00

Norman & Kaye Kinzie, Premier Commercial Properties LLC, 20 Aegean Dr. Unit 1, $210,000.00

William & Meredith Vining, Michael & Dawn Leclair, 9 Penny Lane, $347,000.00

Edwin & Diane Kiszka & Edwin P. Kiszka Revocable Trust of 2013, Alfred & Carmen Aylward, 26 Bridle Path Lane, $515,000.00

Yousef Deheni & Youssef Dehni & Carole Denhi-Forgione, Michael Bourgeois & Jessi Surette , 42 Woodland Circle, $328,000.00

Christopher & Taryn Matatall, Michael & Nancy Moniz, 3 Vista Circle, $412,000.00

HSBC Bank USA NA TR, Crusilda Joaquin, 7 Wellington St., $200,000.00

Francis & Donna Dolan, Andres & Krystal Diaz, 27 Garfield St., $320,000.00

Antonio & Anne Marie Gallardo, Nelson Perez & Reynaldo Cruz & Pok Kol, 10 Gage St., $478,000.00

Kathleen Grelle, Valdimir Morales, 23 Swan Ave., $275,000.00

Brian & Jenna Kelly, William Gordon, 27 Erhardt Terrace, $375,000.00

Jon Desrocher, Carol Angelesco, 665 Jackson St. , $355,000.00

Paul Girard TR & 360 Forest St. Realty Trust, Michael & Ann Marie Brown, 360 Forest St., $415,000.00

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Philip Akmakjian, Grey Rock Condominium Association, 156 Chestnut St. Unit 2, $250,000.00

James & Susan Scott, Robert & Valencia Augusta, 285 Raleigh Tavern Lane, $664,250.00

Eric Krupnik, Meredith Penta, 4 Harvest Dr. Unit 222, $7,000.00

Christopher & Katelyn Derby, Elizabeth Fox, 26 Dartmouth St. Unit 2, $375,000.00

Michael & Margaret Fenton, Barry & Shirley Nestor, 1-3 Fernview Ave. Unit 1 FV3, $150,000.00

James & Jeanette Dayton, Richard & Marie Licciardi, 88 Farrwood Ave. Unit 88FW-11, $217,500.00

Frank R. Disalvatore Jr. Revocable Trust & Richard Miller, Kindred Homes Inc., 1099 Salem St., $300,000.00

Louis & Michelle Daddario, Jamison Vaiknoras & Caitlyn Doherty, 22 Bixby Ave., $310,000.00

25 First St. Realty Trust & Eric Foulds, Matias Capital LLC, 25 First St., $240,000.00

Christine Lahey, Jorge & Elisete Dacunha & Solinea Espindula, 12 Gilbert St., $522,000.00

Edward Lopez & Ana Maria Rosario, Maria Yeliseyeva, 4 Fernview Ave. Unit 4, $179,000.00

Kindred Homes Inc. , RDM 1099 Salem St. LLC, 1099 Salem St., $580,000.00

Anthony Dirienzo, James Turner, 30 Fernview Ave. Unit 30FV-4, $185,000.00

Costance Doto & Debra Ciardello, Eric & Karin Fuog, 517 Rea St., $884,563.00

Mark & Colleen Halbach, Jenna Clapp, 20 Walnut Ave., $425,000.00

Laura Johnson, Navpreet Singh & Mandeep Kaur, 23 Edgelawn Ave. Unit 23EL-3, $194,000.00

Roland & Melissa Dudney, Christopher & Margaret Sarno, 96 Second St., $319,900.00

Frank Parzych & Heidi Bickford, Angelo & Kondwani Taveras, 27 Thorndike Road, $415,000.00

Francis & Deborah Davis, Michael & Autumn Smith, 346 Bear Hill Road, $715,000.00

Frank & Noreen Britt, Vinh Lam & Kathy Bui, 195 Webster Woods Lane, $915,000.00

David Pace & Kelly Ferguson, Joshua Canner & Jeffrey Canner & Benjamin Canner, 127 High St. Unit 1, $240,000.00

Michael & Megan Fitzpatrick, John & Janis Zrebiec, 36 Hawkins Lane, $670,000.00

Brian & Caitlyn Pasquale, Travis Sammons & Suzanne Ferreira, 132 Bear Hill Road, $674,900.00

Carolyn H. Schimmel Trust & Carolyn H. Schimmel , John Bryson & Nancy Bryson & Shelly Bryson, 607 Adler Way Unit 607, $399,000.00

Sanjay Nandipaku & Sujatha Thiruvengadathan, Muhammad & Farida Malik, 101 Edgelawn Ave. Unit 101EL-12, $200,000.00

Steven & Joanne Fiore, Scott & Helen Cunniff, 1365 Salem St., $579,000.00

Thomas Donovan, Jeryn Jacob, 190 Chickering Road Unit 111D, $236,800.00

Eleanor Fisher, Kevin Smithson, 148 Main St. Unit A-514, $282,000.00

Darren & Kaitlyn Phinney, Thomas & Mary Holland, 135 Stevens St., $593,500.00

Collins Family Revocable Trust & Richard & Patricia Collins, Michael & Katelynn Decandia, 2201 Turnpike St., $460,000.00

Gail Oja, Klaus Unterkofler & Carmen Pepicelli, 177 Chadwick St., $342,500.00

John & Patricia Leahy, Chad & Wendy Pelletier, 90 Middlesex St., $639,000.00

Michelle Downey & Michelle Perrone, Gary & Barbara Clemenzi, 64 East Water St. Unit 64, $235,000.00

Ellen Myers & Ellen B. Myers 2002 Revocable Trust , Nicholas Bianchi-Coppola & Jill Nadeau, 122 Abbott St., $627,500.00

Paul & Cynthia Jalbert, Eric & Karen Staufer, 175 Webster Woods Lane, $865,000.00

Angela Lowell & Camille Daly & Jayco Nominee Trust, Grant & Joan Pelley, 89 Cortland Dr. Unit 26, $595,000.00

Walter & Linda Gancarz, Lisa Tong, 54 Kingston St. Unit 54, $235,000.00

One Hundred Kingston St. Nominee Realty Trust & Elena Michelson, Heather Rochette, 100 Kingston St. Unit 100, $300,000.00

James Dangelo & Joseph Dangelo Family Trust, Narayana Behera, 71 Pembrooke Road, $470,000.00

Mohammed & Musarrat & Michael Iqbal, Daniel Doe & Julie Girts, 93 Putnam Road, $622,500.00

Michael & Anderli Bryan, Quintin Seely, 612 Salem St., $805,000.00

Scott Spindler, Alissa Smith-Dockham, 2 Harvest Dr. Unit 102B, $279,900.00

William Sullivan, Kevin & Susan Gagnon , 190 Chickering Road Unit 202D, $302,500.00

Andrew & Bridget Martin, Peter Eliopoulos, 285-287 Sutton St., $525,000.00

Reza Sherkat & Sherkat Family Trust , Brenda Clark & Brenda A. Clark Revocable Trust, 34 Ciderpress Way Unit TH8-1, $510,000.00

Belford Construction Inc. , John & Laura Wright, 66 Longwood Ave., $730,000.00

Darlene Mcnamara & Darlene Gibbs, Carlo Colarusso, 77 Edgelawn Ave. Unit 9, $200,000.00

Eileen Devlin , Eric & Jennifer Weaver, 29 Village Green Dr., $215,500.00

Thomas Arcand, Paul Woodbury, 25 Fernview Avenue Unit 10, $195,000.00

William & Veryl Anderson, David Gilkie, 115 Millpond, $386,000.00

Howard & Julia Kramer, Joy Duncan, 115 Coachmans Lane, $532,500.00

Joan Diemer, Anna Maria Daniels, 4 Harvest Drive Unit 205, $169,000.00

Thomas & Christine Cochrane, Michael & Amanda Casali, 274 Middlesex St., $460,000.00

School of Leadership-Afghanistan Inc. , 684 Realty LLC, 1429 Osgood St., $925,000.00

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State Award Moves Veterans Housing Project Forward in Haverhill

The Haverhill non-profit Coalition for a Better Acre has been awarded funds from the state to build 44 units for veterans and families in the old Gerson Building.

The Gerson Building has been an eyesore to the neighborhood.

Randy Carter, Project/Program Manager of Veterans Northeast Outreach Center (VNOC) said that the idea came from John Ratka – the Executive Director of VNOC – when they first went to the city looking for funding. Carter says that the veterans housing will be run jointly between VNOC and the Coalition for a Better Acre. He also said that he is hoping the project will be completed by 2019.

VNOC Executive Director John Ratka told the Valley Patriot that it took a lot of people to make this happen.

"We are so thankful to the mayor, city council, zoning board of appeals, all city departments, and the residents of the city for their support of this housing project."

Ratka said he was particularly grateful to Governor Charlie Baker and Secretary of Veterans Services Francisco Urena, as well as several other state agencies for recognizing the critical need for approval of veterans housing projects like this.

The Gerson Building was used for decades as a local furniture store.

It has been vacant for many years and this new development will not only add housing for veterans and families, it will add economic development to an area that was dormant and has now been on the rise in recent years.

MONTIBELLO: FROM PAGE 11

police at risk, when all they are doing is their jobs, I don't think it's right. There isn't any denying what he did. It's on record. He posted it publicly. I think we've all seen the proof and it's disingenuous to deny it."

"I remember someone else did the same thing recently, a congressman I think. But, when it happened in my community I was really saddened about that."

Montibello added that someone could have been killed as the result of Vargas' public warning that violent criminals were really likely to see. She added that she believes it was a sign of his youth and idealism.

"I think we need to look at the real world here. These officers have families to go home to and warning the public of police raids puts them in danger. I believe elected officials have an obligation to be responsible, and sending out warnings that sex offenders and other felons will see that the police are coming is reckless and irresponsible."

DCF

"Having worked with families stuck inside the DCF system, I've seen firsthand the breakdowns of that system. For instance, there was one child with thirteen 51A's and 51B's [reports of child and sexual abuse] from the police, psychologists, etc, and he had everyone that is supposed to protect kids but because of the recommendation of DCF he was put back in the hands of the person molesting him.

"DCF suggested to the mom that she put the child in foster care to protect him, which actually put the child in the foster system. In Massachusetts, if the child enters the foster care system they look at the family for first placement. But, because of the system they rejected the mother's recommendation and put the child in the hands of the molester. This mother was so emotional, she was upset first that her child was being abused, but moreover the system completely failed. I want to go back to reminding people that there were 13 reports of abuse. So, it's these types of situations that you see in various ways over and over again at DCF that keep me up at night and wanting to fix the system. What we are doing right now is completely insufficient and it's completely unacceptable.

"Being a survivor of abuse myself this is something really important to me."

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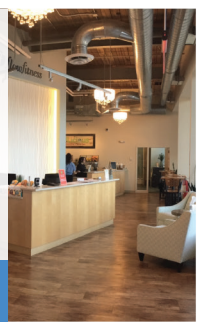

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